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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

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In School Committee, Jan. 13, 1896.

The meeting for the organization of the Board of School Committee of the City of Boston, for this municipal year, was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, on Monday, Jan. 13, 1896, being the second Monday in said month, at seven and one-half o'clock, P.M.

Present: all the members.

The Board was called to order by Mr. Willard S. Allen, the senior member present.

At the request of the Chair, prayer was offered by Rev. Charles L. Morgan.

Members with unexpired terms.

The following members of the Board of last year continue in office, having unexpired terms: Messrs. Adams, Anderson, Blanchard, Calderwood, Davison, Dunn, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fowler, Gallivan, Huggan, Liebmann, McDonald, Page, Strange, Wetmore, and Wise.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Election Commissioners; members-elect of School Committee.

Board of Election Commissioners,
Old Court-House, Court Square,
Boston, Dec. 26, 1895.

Mr. Phineas Bates, *Secretary, School Committee, Mason Street, Boston:*

Dear Sir: We hereby certify that as appears by the record of votes cast in this city at the municipal election, held on the 10th inst., the following-named persons were duly elected to the office of School Committee for the term of three years, beginning the first Monday in January:

Willard S. Allen	35 White street, E.B.
Fanny B. Ames	12 Chestnut street.
I. Austin Bassett	White street, Dorchester.
William T. Eaton	45 M street, S.B.

Samuel F. Hubbard . . .	73 Pinckney street.
Elizabeth C. Keller . . .	46 St. John street.
Abbott L. Lowell	171 Marlboro' street.
Isaac F. Paul	6 St. Botolph street.

Respectfully,

LINUS E. PEARSON,
JAMES J. COSTELLO,
GEORGE B. BILLINGS,
LEWIS G. FARMER,
Board of Election Commissioners.

Placed on file.

Credentials of members-elect.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Wise, Huggan, and Mrs. Keller a committee to collect the certificates of members-elect.

The committee having attended to that duty, reported that credentials had been received from the newly elected members as follows: For three years, — Willard S. Allen, Fanny B. Ames, I. Austin Bassett, William T. Eaton, Samuel F. Hubbard, Elizabeth C. Keller, Abbott L. Lowell, Isaac F. Paul.

The report was accepted, and the credentials placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Fowler, it was

Rules and Regulations adopted.

Ordered, That the Rules of the Board and the Regulations of the public schools of last year which involve the expenditure of money be adopted for the present year until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Fowler, it was

Rules and Regulations adopted.

Ordered, That the Rules of the Board and the Regulations of the public schools of last year which do not involve the expenditure of money be adopted for the present year until otherwise ordered.

Election of President.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the Board proceeded to ballot for a President.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Dunn, Anderson, and

Mrs. Fifield a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The results of the several ballots were as follows:

	1st Ballot.	2d Ballot.	3d Ballot.	4th Ballot.	5th Ballot.	6th Ballot.
Whole number of votes . . .	24	24	24	24	24	23
Necessary for a choice	13	13	13	13	13	12
Willard S. Allen	6	5	4	3	2	2
Isaac F. Paul	8	10	10	12	12	13
George R. Fowler	10	9	10	9	10	8

On the sixth ballot Isaac F. Paul, having received the required number of votes, was declared elected as the President of the Board. Isaac F. Paul elected President.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Fowler and McDonald a committee to conduct the President to the chair.

The President in the chair.

The President made the following address:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Boston School Board: I thank you most heartily for the great honor that you have paid me in selecting me to preside over your deliberations during the coming year, and I trust that I shall not prove unworthy of the confidence reposed in me. I consider it a great honor to be a member of the Boston School Board, but I esteem it an especial honor to be held worthy to serve as its President.

For whatever of personal vindication there may be in this selection, I should, indeed, be ungrateful did I not here express my personal gratitude to my loyal friends, who, through good report and evil report, engendered by the bitterness of a political election, have yet thought me worthy to preside over your deliberations and to succeed the many honorable men who have filled this position.

I accept this high honor, free from all obligations, except a sincere interest to do everything that I can in this chair for the promotion of the interests of the Boston public schools, in which we are all so much interested, and to that end I invite the hearty coöperation of all the members of this Board. I shall not wilfully do anything in this position to injure the feelings or rights of any member of this

Board. It is a grave and important responsibility that is placed on this Board at the present time. We should assume it in a broad and liberal spirit. In this cosmopolitan city the accident of birth has nothing to do with the membership in our public schools. It should have nothing to do with the selection of teachers or the members of this Board, and I trust that the time is not far distant when politics and religion will cease to have the influence in the public schools that they now seem to have.

Now, sentimentally, this is a responsible position to serve on this Board. We have control of the teaching of the youth of this city — the coming generation of the citizens of Boston. Though perhaps a sentimental reason, it is certainly a most important one, and I think all of the members of this Board come here with a sincere desire to do every thing that they can to make the schools of Boston speak for broad and liberal American citizenship and the teachings in these schools to turn out earnest, self-sustaining citizens.

There is a great practical responsibility in the expenditure of a large sum of money, as the schools at the present time have great needs. Among the special needs, the adoption of the Kindergarten system, the increased interest in manual training, the higher standards for school sanitation required at the present time, and the pressing need of new school buildings, all require a large expenditure of money, and the use of that economy which has always characterized the financial administration of this Board.

It seems to me that the first obligation of this Board is to see that the school children are properly housed, so that at the end of the year we may not have the same state of things existing as at the present time, — public-school children who have been unable to attend school during this year on account of the want of proper buildings. I know every member of this Board will do all in his or her power to bring about better results.

I await the pleasure of the Board.

Election of Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the Board proceeded to the election of a Secretary, and Messrs. Allen, Gallivan, and Bassett were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 24, necessary for a choice 13. There was one scattering vote. Phineas Bates had 23 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

The Secretary of the Board was qualified as Secretary of the Corporation, the President administering the oath of office. Secretary qualified.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the Board proceeded to the election of an Auditing Clerk, and Mrs. Fifield, Mr. Adams, and Mrs. Ames were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 23; necessary for a choice 12. William H. Allen had 2 votes. William J. Porter had 21 votes, and was accordingly declared elected. Election of Auditing Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Fowler, the Board proceeded to the election of a Messenger, and Messrs. Fowler, Liebmann, and Hubbard, were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 22; necessary for a choice 12. Edward J. Leary had 1 vote, John T. Hathaway had 2 votes, and Alvah H. Peters had 19 votes, and was accordingly declared elected. Election of Messenger.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the Board proceeded to the election of a Treasurer of the Corporation, and Messrs. Allen, Wetmore, and Lowell were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 23; necessary for a choice 12. James A. McDonald had 23 votes, and was accordingly declared elected. Election of Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Strange, it was

Ordered, That the unfinished business of last year, referred to this Board, be referred to the appropriate committees, when appointed. Unfinished business referred.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from the Mayor; designation of City Engineer to take charge of the building of new school-houses.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY HALL, Jan. 7, 1896.

PHINEAS BATES, ESQ., *Secretary Boston School Committee:*

SIR: I hereby notify the School Committee, through you, that in accordance with an opinion given me by Corporation Counsel Bailey, that the School Committee is not a "department" of the City Government within the sense of section 22 of chapter 449 of the Acts of 1895, and that therefore the construction of all buildings for the use of the School Committee comes under such head of a department or other officer appointed by the Mayor as the Mayor may designate, I have designated Mr. William Jackson, City Engineer, to take charge from this date of the building of all new buildings for the use of the School Committee, including those already contracted for by the committee.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY,

Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses when appointed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from the Mayor; appointment of expert committee to examine school-houses in respect to ventilation and sanitation.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY HALL, Jan. 13, 1896.

PHINEAS BATES, ESQ., *Secretary School Committee:*

DEAR SIR: I desire to advise the School Committee, through you, that in accordance with the position taken in my inaugural address, I have this day appointed Prof. Francis W. Chandler, professor of architecture at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Frederic Tudor, Esq., heating, ventilating, and sanitary engineer; and Prof. S. Homer Woodbridge, of the Institute of Technology, heating and ventilating engineer, as an expert committee to examine into the present condition of our school-houses in respect to ventilation and sanitation, and to report, in as much detail as possible, the changes or additions necessary, in their opinion, to provide proper sanitary and ventilating arrangements in existing school-houses, with the probable cost of the same.

This expert investigation is undertaken by the executive branch of the city government for the sole object of placing the Mayor and the City Council, who are responsible for the general finances of the city, in a position to act intelligently upon the request contained in the estimates of the School Committee for the next fiscal year, in which an appropriation of the sum of $350,000 for improvements in such sanitary and ventilating arrangements is asked for. I trust that

the School Committee will appreciate the necessity of this expert examination, and will lend its hearty coöperation thereto. The attitude of the School Committee in giving its approval and support to the examination into the same matters by the committee of the Boston Branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnæ, now in progress, of which committee Professor Woodbridge is the expert on ventilation, gives me full confidence that the committee will lend its further coöperation to the expert investigation now provided for.

My only desire in this matter, as Mayor of the city, is to have this whole subject, which has already received so much attention from our citizens and which is of such vital interest to them, receive such a thorough and searching investigation by gentlemen of large technical knowledge and experience and high professional standing, as will lead to the acceptance of their conclusion by all parties concerned. It is not my purpose or desire in initiating this investigation to trench in any way upon the functions of the School Committee; but it seems to me my duty, in passing upon the request of the committee for this large sum of money (paticularly in view of the condition of the general finances of the city), to place myself and the City Council in a position where we would be in possession of the fullest and most accurate information.

When the report of the above-named expert committee, with their estimates as to the cost of the work, is presented, I shall, as stated in my inaugural, "coöperate in every way in my power with the School Committee in an endeavor to secure the speedy appropriation of the necessary money, and its application, in a manner which will prove effectual in supplying the present deficiencies." I shall be glad, if desired, to confer with any representatives of the School Committee in regard to this matter; and I have instructed the members of the above-named expert committee to confer with the officers of the School Committee before entering upon their work.

In order that the recommendations of these experts may be acted upon without any loss of time, I would suggest that the School Committee specify by vote the school-houses which they deem to be in need of immediate attention, and authorize the Superintendent of Public Buildings to make repairs upon the same.

Referring to another subject, I am informed that the impression prevails with some members of the School Committee that by my designation of Professor Chandler as consulting architect to the Mayor, the architects named in the contracts that have already been made by the School Committee are superseded. This is not the case. Professor Chandler's duty will simply be to keep me informed as to the proper execution of such contracts, as far as school build-

ings already contracted for are concerned. While I have asserted, under the advice of the Corporation Counsel, the right to have future contracts for school buildings made by the City Engineer, who has been designated by me for that purpose, it is not my intention to question or disturb any existing contracts.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY,

Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses when appointed, with instructions to coöperate in the work set forth.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from the Mayor; site for Primary School-house at West End.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY HALL, Jan. 4, 1896.

To the Boston School Committee:

I return herewith an order providing for the purchase of eight lots of land on Poplar and Chambers streets, with buildings thereon, as a site for a Primary School-house. There seemed to be some opposition to the purchase of this site, and I have not been able to give the matter the attention it should have before the order is either signed or vetoed. I therefore return the order without taking any action upon it.

Respectfully,

EDWIN U. CURTIS,

Mayor.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, eight lots of land with buildings thereon on Poplar and Chambers streets, containing in all about 10,220 square feet; also that a parcel of land containing about 5,000 square feet be taken, by purchase or otherwise, from the rear of estates fronting on Allen street, as shown on a plan dated Dec. 10, 1895, and filed in the office of the City Engineer, and supposed to belong to the following-named persons:

No. 14 Poplar street, about 1,485 square feet, Patrick Smith.

No. 12 Poplar street, about 1,491 square feet, Hawes Atwood.

No. 10 Poplar street, about 1,500 square feet, Reuben Smith.

No. 8 Poplar street, about 700 square feet, Josephine A. Clapp, Sarah E. Stone heirs.

No. 2 Poplar street, about 800 square feet, William Robinson.

Nos. 94 to 98 Chambers street, about 1,070 square feet, James T. Maher.

No. 90 Chambers street, about 1,520 square feet, Georgiana D. Holton and others.

No. 88 Chambers street, about 1,654 square feet, Bridget E. Gaffney.

About 5,000 feet from rear of estates fronting on Allen street belonging to persons unknown.

The whole to include passageway in rear of estates on Poplar and Chambers streets given above, the contents of said passageway not being included in above enumeration of contents of lots.

The communication was placed on file, and the order ordered to be sent to the Mayor.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from the Mayor; payment to Allston Club for property taken for school purposes.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY HALL, Jan. 4, 1896.

To the Boston School Committee:

I return herewith an order that there be paid to the Allston Club the sum of $21,000 in payment for land and building on Cambridge street, Brighton, taken for school purposes.

This order was not submitted to me until December 27, and, having been ill nearly all the time since then, I have been unable to give the matter the attention it deserves. I therefore return the order without taking any action thereon.

Respectfully,

EDWIN U. CURTIS,
Mayor.

Ordered, That there be paid to the Allston Club the sum of twenty-one thousand dollars ($21,000), as payment for the 7,308 square feet of land and building on Cambridge street, Brighton, taken from said club for school purposes by the Board of Street Commissioners, Oct. 5, 1895 (said taking having been recorded Oct. 7, 1895), upon said Allston Club giving to the city of Boston a deed of said land satisfactory to the Law Department; the necessary amount for the purchase of the same having been appropriated.

The communication was placed on file, and the order ordered to be sent to the Mayor.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from City Council; school-houses in Charlestown to be placed in proper sanitary condition.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, Dec. 16, 1895.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to place the Bunker Hill, Warren, Cross-street, and Mead-street School-houses in proper sanitary condition, the expense of the same, not exceeding ten thousand dollars, to be charged to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department, school-houses.

Passed in Common Council, December 12. Came up for concurrence. Concurred. The foregoing order was presented to the Mayor, Dec. 18, 1895, and was not returned by him within ten days thereafter.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses when appointed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from City Council; site for High School-house, South Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, Dec. 23, 1895.

Ordered, That so much of the Reservoir lot in Thomas park, South Boston, as the Committee on School Houses of the School Committee, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, shall select for a High School for the South Boston District, be surrendered to the School Committee, to be used for said purpose whenever the Water Commissioner shall notify the Mayor that the same is no longer needed for the Water Department.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence. January 2, came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Jan. 4, 1896.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Placed on file:

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Superintendent of Public Buildings; acceptance of heating and ventilating apparatus, Brighton High School-house.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT, ARCHITECT DIVISION,
CITY HALL, BOSTON, Jan. 7, 1896.

BOSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE, FRED. G. PETTIGROVE, *President:*

DEAR SIR: I have this day accepted, on behalf of the city of Boston, the heating and ventilating plant, installed in the Brighton

High School by the Walworth Construction and Supply Company, subject to the terms and conditions of their contract.

Yours truly,

FRED. B. BOGAN,
Superintendent Public Buildings.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

THE ORIENT HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION,
FOR THE GENERAL BENEFIT AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE DISTRICT.
ORIENT HEIGHTS, E.B., Dec. 26, 1895.

Communication from Orient Heights Association; removal of old school-house on Blackinton School-house lot.

To the Boston School Committee, Mason street, Boston, Mass.:

GENTLEMEN: Referring to the removal of the old school building from the premises of the Blackinton School, we understand the cause for the delay to be on account of the matter being held in the Committee on School Houses of the city government, and consequently respectfully ask that you urge upon the Board of Aldermen and Common Council the advisability of having this building removed promptly.

As you know the ground upon which this old building stands is needed as a playground, and the matter now having been under way about a year, it seems reasonable to urge a final disposition of the subject.

Yours respectfully,

THE ORIENT HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION,
E. H. DOCKAM, *President*,
G. A. MCLEAN, *Secretary*.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses when appointed.

Mrs. Keller offered the following:

Nomination of Charles E. Harris, second assistant on probation in Lowell District.

Ordered, That Charles E. Harris be elected on probation as second assistant in the Lowell District, to date from Dec. 2, 1895.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, it was

Text-books in mathematics for Mechanic Arts High School.

Ordered, That the order on page 412 of last year's proceedings relating to the use of Seaver's Franklin Elementary Trigonometry, etc., in the Mechanic Arts High School be taken from the files and laid on the table.

The order referred to above is as follows:

Ordered, That copies of Seaver's Franklin Elementary Trigonometry, and Logarithmic and Trigonometric Tables by Seaver and Walton, be authorized for use as text-books in the Mechanic Arts High School.

On motion of Mr. Page, it was

Petition to Legislature relating to powers granted to Boston Art Commission.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters consider the advisability of petitioning the General Court, in behalf of this Board, for an amendment to the powers granted to the Boston Art Commission by act of Legislature, chapter 122, Acts of 1890, so that public buildings erected in the city of Boston may come within the scope of the powers of this commission.

Mr. Fowler offered the following:

Adjourned meeting.

Ordered, That when the Board adjourns it be to meet on Thursday, Jan. 16, 1896, at five o'clock, P.M.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Eaton offered the following:

Request for appropriation for proper ventilation and sanitation of school-houses.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to ask the City Council to furnish at as early a day as possible the necessary appropriation for making such repairs on the following-named school buildings as shall be necessary to ensure proper ventilation and sanitation therein (see list below).

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, on the passage of an appropriation for the purpose, make such repairs.

Name of School.	Cost of Ventilation.	Cost of Sanitaries.
Adams, Grammar	$5,700	$2,000
Adams street, Primary	250	
Appleton, Primary	3,000	1,400
Bailey street, Primary	1,500	500
Baker street, Primary		1,000
Carried forward,	$10,450	$4,900

Name of School.	Cost of Ventilation.	Cost of Sanitaries.
Brought forward,	$10,450	$4,900
Baldwin street, Primary	2,000	900
Bartlett street, Primary	4,000	
Brimmer, Grammar	5,000	
Bunker Hill, Grammar	6,300	3,200
Bunker Hill, Primary	3,000	1,200
Canterbury street, Primary	400	600
Chapman, Grammar	6,000	2,800
Charlestown, High		600
Charles Sumner, Grammar	6,300	2,000
Chestnut avenue, Primary	500	1,800
Comins, Grammar	6,000	2,800
Common street, Primary	900	800
Cook, Primary	500	
Cottage place, Kindergarten	2,700	
Cross street, Primary	575	1,500
Cudworth (new), Primary		800
Cushman, Primary	7,800	2,000
Dearborn, Grammar	7,000	2,800
Dorchester, High	5,000	2,500
Drake, Primary	4,000	1,300
Dudley, Grammar	9,000	2,100
Edward Everett, Grammar	5,000	1,900
Eliot, Grammar	12,500	3,200
Emerson, Grammar	7,300	3,200
Emerson, Primary	1,200	800
Franklin, Grammar	6,500	2,000
Freeman, Primary	1,500	800
Frothingham, Grammar	7,500	3,000
George Putnam, Grammar	4,000	2,000
George street, Primary	4,000	1,400
Grant, Primary	1,000	800
Harbor View street, Primary	3,000	
Harris, Grammar		2,800
Harvard, Primary	8,300	2,600
Harvard Hill, Primary	1,500	
Hawes Hall, Primary	5,500	
Heath street, Primary	400	
Howe, Primary		800
Carried forward,	$156,625	$59,900

Name of School.	Cost of Ventilation.	Cost of Sanitaries.
Brought forward,	$156,625	$59,900
Hugh O'Brien, Grammar		1,200
Ingraham, Primary	400	600
Ira Allen, Primary		800
John A. Andrew, Grammar		700
Joshua Bates, Primary		500
Lawrence, Grammar	3,800	
Lowell, Grammar		6,000
Lucretia Crocker, Primary		700
Lyman, Grammar	6,300	2,800
Mather, Grammar	7,000	
Mather, Primary		2,600
Mead street, Primary	3,800	1,100
Medford street, Primary		600
Mt. Pleasant avenue, Primary	400	600
Mt. Vernon, Primary	5,000	
Noble, Primary	3,300	1,400
Oak square (new), Primary		600
Old Agassiz, Primary	4,300	
Old Everett, Primary	5,000	2,500
Old Roxbury High, Kindergarten	2,800	
Parkman, Primary	4,500	600
Phillips, Grammar	13,300	
Phillips street, Primary	5,800	1,500
Pierpont, Kindergarten	400	600
Polk street, Primary		1,200
Pormort, Primary	1,000	
Prescott, Grammar	10,500	2,800
Quincy, Grammar	10,000	2,000
Roxbury street, Primary	3,000	650
Sharp, Primary	1,800	
Sherwin, Grammar		3,200
Shurtleff, Grammar		3,000
Simonds, Primary	1,200	
Skinner, Primary	3,000	1,000
Smith street, Kindergarten	350	600
Somerset street, Primary	1,000	
Tileston, Grammar	7,500	3,500
Tuckerman, Primary	1,400	
Carried forward,	$263,475	$103,250

Name of School.	Cost of Ventilation.	Cost of Sanitaries.
Brought forward,	$263,475	$103,250
Tyler street, Primary	1,500	650
Vernon street, Primary	2,500	
Wait, Primary	5,000	700
Ware, Primary	4,000	1,400
Warren, Grammar	7,300	2,400
Wells, Grammar	5,000	2,200
West Concord street, Primary	8,000	1,600
Weston street, Primary		600
West Roxbury, High	5,500	1,800
Williams, Primary		2,000
Winchell, Primary		950
Winthrop, Grammar	11,000	
Winthrop street, Primary	1,800	850
Yeoman street, Primary	6,000	1,800
Totals	$321,075	$120,200
Grand total		$441,275

The first order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

The motion to suspend the rules so that the second order could be passed was lost by a vote of 10 to 5.

Mr. Anderson raised the point of order that there was no need to suspend the rules on the passage of the order.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

On motion of Mr. Fowler, the second order was amended by adding the following to the order: "under the direction of the Committee on School Houses of this Board."

The order as amended passed.

Mr. McDonald offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be directed to examine candidates for a special certificate to teach architectural drawing.

Examination of candidates for special certificate to teach architectural drawing.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Allen, it was

Edition of Annual Report.

Ordered, That five thousand copies of the Report of the Committee on the Annual Report for 1895 be printed.

Mr. Wetmore offered the following:

Fire-alarm boxes for school-houses.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses, when appointed, shall proceed at once to furnish fire-alarm boxes and proper electrical connection in all the school-houses in which fire-alarm wires were put underground.

Mr. Calderwood moved that the order be laid on the table.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the order was referred to the Committee on School Houses when appointed.

On motion of Mr. Wetmore, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 16, 1896.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at five o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Liebmann, McDonald, Page, and Strange.

On motion of Mr. Fowler, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan. 9, 1896.

Communication from City Council; site for High School-house in East Boston.

Ordered, That the School Committee be hereby requested to select and purchase a site for the location of a High School building in East Boston, and to appropriate and set aside for such purpose the amount of money necessary therefor from the funds to be placed at its disposal during the present year, by virtue of the authority given to said committee by chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, January 13, concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses when appointed.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan. 9, 1896.

Communication from City Council; sanitary condition of Phillips School.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to report to the City Council the sanitary condition of the Phillips School.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, January 13, concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses when appointed.

The Chair appointed the following standing committees; also the Normal, High School, and Division Committees, viz.:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Standing committees.

Accounts. — Willard S. Allen, chairman; Messrs. Dunn, Gallivan, Bassett, and Hubbard.

Annual Report. — William T. Eaton, chairman; Messrs. Wetmore and Davison.

Drawing. — James A. McDonald, chairman; Messrs. Paul, Page, Davison, and Mrs. Ames.

Elections. — Archibald T. Davison, chairman; Messrs. Liebmann and Hubbard.

Evening Schools. — George W. Anderson, chairman; Messrs. Paul, Calderwood, Allen, and Gallivan.

Examinations. — Elizabeth C. Keller, chairman; Messrs. Strange, Wetmore, Adams, and Lowell.

Horace Mann School. — Elizabeth C. Keller, chairman; Messrs. Huggan and Blanchard.

Hygiene and Physical Training. — Samuel H. Calderwood, chairman; Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, Hubbard, and Mrs. Ames.

Kindergartens. — Emily A. Fifield, chairman; Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Eaton, Page, and Dunn.

Legislative Matters. — George R. Fowler, chairman; Messrs. Wetmore and Bassett.

Manual Training. — Emily A. Fifield, chairman; Messrs. Wetmore, Page, Adams, and Mrs. Ames.

Music. — Henry D. Huggan, chairman; Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Anderson, Liebmann, and Bassett.

Nominations. — Thomas F. Strange, chairman: Messrs. McDonald, Allen, Eaton, and Blanchard.

Rules and Regulations. — George R. Fowler, chairman; Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Adams, Hubbard, and Mrs. Ames.

Salaries. — Henry D. Huggan, chairman; Messrs. Wise, Wetmore, Liebmann, and Bassett.

School Houses. — Edward H. Dunn, chairman; Messrs. Strange, Fowler, Lowell, and Paul.

Supplies. — Samuel H. Wise, chairman; Messrs. Huggan, Blanchard, Calderwood, and Davison.

Text-Books. — James A. McDonald, chairman; Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Allen, Anderson, and Strange.

Truant Officers. — James A. McDonald, chairman; Messrs. Wise, Blanchard, Adams, and Hubbard.

Normal, High School, and Division Committees.

Alphabetical order. (Chairman elective.)

Normal, High School, and Division Committees.

Normal School. — Mr. Adams, Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fowler and Wise.

High School. — Messrs. Anderson, Calderwood, Gallivan, Lowell, and Paul.

First Division. — Messrs. Allen, Blanchard, Davison, Huggan, and McDonald.

Second Division. — Mr. Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Hubbard, Huggan, and McDonald.

Third Division. — Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Hubbard, Paul, and Wise.

Fourth Division. — Messrs. Blanchard, Dunn, Lowell, Page, and Paul.

Fifth Division. — Messrs. Adams, Dunn, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Liebmann and Wetmore.

Sixth Division. — Messrs. Davison, Eaton, Gallivan, Liebmann, and Wise.

Seventh Division. — Messrs. Adams, Bassett, Calderwood, Eaton, and Strange.

Eighth Division. — Mr. Calderwood, Mrs. Fifield, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Page.

Ninth Division. — Messrs. Bassett, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Strange and Wetmore.

The appointments were approved.

Site for Primary School-house, West End. [See pp. 10, 11.]

On motion of Mr. Wise, the vote whereby the order relating to the taking of land for a site for a Primary School-house at the West End (see pages 10 and 11) was ordered to be sent to the Mayor, was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, eight lots of land with buildings thereon on Poplar and Chambers streets, containing in all about 10,220 square feet; also that a parcel of land containing about 5,000 square feet be taken, by purchase or otherwise, from the rear of estates fronting on Allen street, as shown on a plan dated Dec. 10, 1895, and filed in the office of the City Engineer, and supposed to belong to the following-named persons:

No. 14 Poplar street, about 1,485 square feet, Patrick Smith.

No. 12 Poplar street, about 1,491 square feet, Hawes Atwood.

No. 10 Poplar street, about 1,500 square feet, Reuben Smith.

No. 8 Poplar street, about 700 square feet, Josephine A. Clapp, Sarah E. Stone heirs.

No. 2 Poplar street, about 800 square feet, William Robinson.

Nos. 94 to 98 Chambers street, about 1,070 square feet, James T. Maher.

No. 90 Chambers street, about 1,520 square feet, Georgiana D. Holton and others.

No. 88 Chambers street, about 1,654 square feet, Bridget E. Gaffney.

About 5,000 feet from rear of estates fronting on Allen street belonging to persons unknown.

The whole to include passageway in rear of estates on Poplar and Chambers streets given above, the contents of said passageway not being included in above enumeration of contents of lots.

On motion of Mr. Wise, the vote whereby the order relating to the payment for property taken from Allston Club for school purposes (see page 11) was ordered to be sent to the Mayor, was reconsidered.

Payment to Allston Club for property taken for school purposes. [See p. 11.]

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Ordered, That there be paid to the Allston Club the sum of twenty-one thousand dollars ($21,000), as payment for the 7,308 square feet of land and building on Cambridge street, Brighton, taken from said club for school purposes by the Board of Street Commissioners, Oct. 5, 1895 (said taking having been recorded Oct. 7, 1895), upon said Allston Club giving to the city of Boston a deed of said land satisfactory to the Law Department; the necessary amount for the purchase of the same having been appropriated.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, the following order was taken from the table.

Ordered, That copies of Seaver's Franklin Elementary Trigonometry, and Logarithmic and Trigonometric Tables by Seaver and Walton, be authorized for use as text-books in the Mechanic Arts High School.

Text-books in mathematics, Mechanic Arts High School.

The Chair rules it would require 16 votes to pass the order.

The order was lost, 12 members voting in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the vote whereby the order was declared lost was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the order was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the following was taken from the files of last year:

Communication from Street Commissioners; taking of land for enlargement of Cudworth School-house lot.

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, Dec. 24, 1895.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with Catherine Whitstead upon the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars as payment for five thousand square feet of land taken from said Whitstead, adjoining the Cudworth School estate, belonging to the city of Boston, at East Boston, for school purposes, Aug. 23, 1895 (said taking having been recorded Aug. 24, 1895), upon the said Whitstead giving to the city a deed of said land satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,
J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

The communication was referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the Board adjourned.

Attest:
PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 28, 1896.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. McDonald and Page.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Superintendent of Schools; additional clerical help in his office.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, Jan. 28, 1896.

ISAAC F. PAUL, ESQ.,
President of the School Committee:

DEAR SIR: The condition of the clerical work in my office obliges me to ask the School Committee for the appointment of a typewriter and copyist. It will be remembered that I had the services of such a clerk during the whole of last year. Thus far this year I have been trying to get along without such assistance, but the necessary work has fallen greatly in arrears.

Beside this the commission appointed by the School Committee to examine and report upon school desks needs a certain amount of clerical assistance, and this assistance I can render if the clerical force in my office is reënforced in the manner herein suggested.

Should the School Committee desire more detailed explanation I suggest that this communication be referred to a committee for consideration and report.

Yours very respectfully,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Brimmer District. — Charles E. Harris, third assistant, Dec. 2, 1895.

Everett District. — Anna I. Madden, third assistant, Feb. 1, 1896; Frances W. Sawyer, fourth assistant, Jan. 1, 1896.

Gaston District. — Helen R. Wyman, third assistant, Jan. 2, 1896.

Quincy District. — Angie C. Damon, second assistant, Bridget A. Foley, third assistant, Jan. 20, 1896; Mary T. Wright, third assistant, Feb. 1, 1896.

Kindergarten.

North Margin-street School. — Anna Spooner, principal, Jan. 1, 1896; Eliza A. Maguire, assistant, Jan. 2, 1896.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Bowditch District. — Martha T. Howes, from Jan. 2, 1896.

Chapman District. — Ellen A. Miles, from Dec. 4, 1895.

Edward Everett District. — Annie E. Newell, from Jan. 2, 1896.

Hancock District. — Margaret J. Doherty, from Jan. 16, 1896.

Robert G. Shaw Kindergarten. — Susan M. Mayhew, from Nov. 25, 1895.

Tappan Kindergarten. — Juliette Billings, from Nov. 19, 1895.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Bennett District. — Martha A. Sawyer, third assistant, from Feb. 3, 1896. Temporary teachers.

Brimmer District. — Helen M. Cleveland, third assistant, from Jan. 6, 1896; George E. Marsh, Jr., third assistant, from Dec. 2, 1895, to Jan. 6, 1896, inclusive.

Everett District. — Charlotte M. Frost, fourth assistant, from Jan. 6, 1896; Mary V. Prendergast, fourth assistant, from Jan. 2 to Jan. 3, 1896, inclusive; Margaret E. Roche, fourth assistant, from Jan. 2, 1896.

Gibson District. — Alice C. Chesley, third assistant, from Jan. 7, 1896.

Prescott District. — Mary E. Moran, third assistant, Katharine C. Coveney, fourth assistant, from Jan. 2, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Gaston District. — Helen R. Wyman, second assistant, sixth year, from Jan. 2, 1896. Election of teachers on probation.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Mary H. Finley, third assistant, third year, from Jan. 7, 1896.

Quincy District. — Angie C. Damon, first assistant, sixth year, Bridget A. Foley, second assistant, sixth year, from Jan. 20, 1896; Theresa A. Mullen, third assistant, second year, from Feb. 1, 1896.

Washington Allston District. — Mabel A. Spooner, fourth assistant, third year, from Jan. 2, 1896.

Kindergartens.

North Margin-street School. — Eliza A. Maguire, principal, third year, Fannie L. Plimpton, assistant, second year, from Jan. 2, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Normal School. — Sally Fairchild, teacher of games and songs.

Mechanic Arts High School. — John W. Raymond, Jr., Instructor of Forging.

Chapman District. — Martha P. M. Walker, third assistant.

Dwight District. — Eva L. Munroe, second assistant, Primary School; Ruth C. Mills, fourth assistant.

Henry L. Pierce District. — James H. Burdett, first assistant.

John A. Andrew District. — Sarah E. Connelly, third assistant.

Lawrence District. — Charlotte L. Voight, second assistant; Sabina F. Kelley, Eva C. Morris, fourth assistants.

Lowell District. — Cora F. Sanborn, second assistant.

Prescott District. — Grace A. Park, fourth assistant.

Rice Training School. — Edith F. Parry, second assistant.

Tileston District. — Ida T. Weeks, second assistant; Harriet M. Gould, third assistant.

Washington Allston District. — Jessie W. Kelly, second assistant; Ida F. Taylor, third assistant.

Instructor of Sewing. — Ellen E. Power.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of a teacher.

Baldwin Kindergarten. — Caroline M. Burke, assistant, to the same position in the Tyler-street Kindergarten, to date from Feb. 1, 1896.

Accepted, and the transfer confirmed.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Bowditch District. — Mary E. McDonald, fourth assistant, from Jan. 1, 1896, until May 1, 1896; Mary G. Hudson, substitute. Mary E. McDonald.

Dwight District. — Martha B. Lucas, fourth assistant, until May 1, 1896; Mabel E. Latta, substitute. Martha B. Lucas.

Frothingham District. — Cecilia A. Kelley, third assistant, until April 1, 1896. Cecilia A. Kelley.

Hancock District. — Mary J. Clark, fourth assistant, from Jan. 1, 1896, until May 1, 1896; Helen E. Raymond, substitute. Mary J. Clark.

Harvard District. — Warren E. Eaton, master, until April 1, 1896. Warren E. Eaton.

Sherwin District. — Sarah E. Gould, fourth assistant, until March 1, 1896; Mary F. Sullivan, substitute. Sarah E. Gould.

Instructors of Sewing. — Eliza M. Cleary, until April 1, 1896; Esther C. Povah, substitute. Catherine C. Nelson, until April 1, 1896; Mary L. Spencer, substitute. Eliza M. Cleary. Catherine C. Nelson.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, presented the following report: The Blackinton School-house at Orient Heights is situated about one and a half miles from the Grammar School building. There are three Grammar classes and three Primary classes in this school-house. The Division Committee recommend that it would be desirable to place this building in the charge of a male teacher, and suggest that an additional first assistant be allowed the district for that purpose. This committee after consideration indorse the opinion of the Division Committee, and recommend the passage of the following order, under a suspension of the rules: Report of Committee on Nominations; additional first assistant for Emerson District.

Ordered, That an additional first assistant be allowed the Emerson District.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Abatement of tuition of Richard F. Hardon.

Ordered, That the amount paid by Henry C. Hardon, of Newton, Mass., for tuition from Jan. 1, 1896, to Feb. 1, 1896, of Richard F. Hardon, a non-resident pupil in the Mechanic Arts High School, viz., eight and $\frac{29}{100}$ dollars ($8.29), be abated, said pupil having left the school Jan. 1, 1896.

On motion of Mr. Allen, for the same committee, it was

Abatement of tuition of Willie R. Green.

Ordered, That the amount paid by Richard T. Green, of Everett, Mass., for tuition from Oct. 28, 1895, to Feb. 1, 1896, of Willie R. Green, a non-resident pupil in the Latin School, viz., twenty-five and $\frac{71}{100}$ dollars ($25.71), be abated, said pupil having left the school Oct. 28, 1895.

On motion of Mr. Allen, for the same committee, it was

Abatement of tuition of Minot Douglass Tirrell.

Ordered, That the amount paid by Minot D. Tirrell, of East Weymouth, Mass., for tuition from Dec. 13, 1895, to Feb. 1, 1896, of Minot Douglass Tirrell, a non-resident pupil in the Latin School, viz., thirteen and $\frac{27}{100}$ dollars ($13.27), be abated, said pupil having left the school Dec. 13, 1895.

Report of Committee on School Houses; statement of appropriations made out of the $500,000 granted under chapter 408, Acts of 1895.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, reported that out of the $500,000 which the School Committee were authorized to expend in 1895 for new school-houses, etc., under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following appropriations have been made:

1895.		
July 9.	New Primary School-house, Beech street . . .	$20,000 00
	Lewis School-house, alterations	10,000 00
	Site or sites, Primary School-house, North End . .	100,000 00
Sept. 10.	For small wooden buildings,	10,000 00
	Rice Training School, alterations	10,000 00
	Bigelow School, enlargement of lot, etc. . . .	25,000 00
	Purchase of Allston Club-house	20,000 00
	Edward Everett School-house, grading, wall, etc.,	5,000 00
Oct. 8.	Purchase of Allston Club-house, additional . .	1,000 00
	School site, west of railroad, Roslindale . . .	9,200 00
Oct. 22.	Brighton High, furnishing .	21,000 00
	Brighton High, grading .	7,500 00
	Canterbury-street School, grading	4,000 00
	South Boston, site, High School	50,000 00
Nov. 26.	Primary School-house, Beech street	7,500 00
	New Grammar School-house, Harris District . .	90,000 00
	School-house, Harvest street, Ward 15 . . .	10,000 00
Carried forward,		$400,200 00

Brought forward,		$400,200 00
Nov. 26.	School-house, west of railroad, Roslindale . .	70,000 00
	William Wirt Warren School, grading . .	5,000 00
	Dorchester, site, High School	24,000 00
		$499,200 00
Balance		$800 00

The Beech-street Primary School-house is in process of erection, and the building is now ready to be roofed. The Lewis School-house alterations are completed. Three of the small wooden buildings have been finished and occupied, and two others are nearly completed. The alterations in the Rice Training School have been completed. The land for the enlargement of the Bigelow School lot has been taken by the Board of Street Commissioners. The Allston Club-house has been purchased. The wall for the Edward Everett School-house lot has been finished. The school site west of the railroad, Roslindale, has been taken by the Board of Street Commissioners. The plans for the new school-house west of the railroad, Roslindale, are now being prepared. The furnishing of the Brighton High School-house has been attended to. The grading of the Brighton High and of the Canterbury-street School lots is nearly completed. The new school-house, Harvest street, Ward 15, is in process of construction. The site for the new High School-house in Dorchester has been taken by the Board of Street Commissioners.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be requested to issue, on March 1, 1896, negotiable bonds of the city to the amount of five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000), and to hold the proceeds of the same in the treasury and pay therefrom the expenses incurred for lands taken and the building and furnishing of school-houses under the provisions of chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895.

Order for City Treasurer to issue bonds for $500,000 for new school-houses.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, reported that they have received from the Superintendent of Public Buildings the following communication, and additional list of school-houses requiring improvements in sanitation and ventilation, and recommended that the communication and list of buildings be sent to His Honor the Mayor:

Report of Committee on School Houses; list of school buildings needing improvements in sanitation and ventilation.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.

To the Committee on School-Houses:

GENTLEMEN: The following list completes the wants of the school-houses in the line of sanitation and ventilation, and the cost of performing the said work in each case.

This list is in addition to that submitted to your committee last week, as at that time it was impossible to furnish all the estimates required.

Respectfully,

FRED B. BOGAN,

Superintendent of Public Buildings.

EXTRA.

Name of School.	Cost of Ventilation.	Cost of Sanitaries.
Adams-street Primary		$700
Baker-street Primary	$150	
Benjamin Pope Primary	3,500	
Bennett Grammar	5,000	3,000
Bennett Branch	1,800	
Bigelow Grammar	9,000	1,500
Capen Primary	3,500	1,400
Charlestown High	6,000	
Carried forward,	$28,950	$6,600

Name of School.	Cost of Ventilation.	Cost of Sanitaries.
Brought forward,	$28,950	$6,600
Clinch Primary	3,500	1,600
Cudworth Primary (new building)		1,000
Cyrus Alger Primary	3,000	
Dillaway Grammar	6,000	
Dorchester-avenue Primary	1,400	300
Dwight Grammar	7,500	600
East Boston High	2,500	1,200
Everett Grammar	7,500	
Everett Primary	600	
Gaston Grammar		2,000
Gibson Atherton Primary	3,000	
Glenway Primary	575	600
Harbor View Primary		300
Harris Grammar	6,000	
Harvard Hill Primary	3,000	
Oak-square Primary (new building)		700
Hobart-street Primary	350	1,500
Howard-avenue Primary	4,000	
Howe Primary	4,000	
Ira Allen Primary	600	
John A. Andrew Grammar	6,000	
Lewis Grammar	6,000	
Lincoln Grammar	6,000	2,000
Lowell Grammar	7,500	
Martin Grammar		600
Martin Primary	3,500	
Medford-street Primary	2,000	
Munroe-street Primary	400	600
Norcross Grammar	9,000	
Old Minot Primary	2,000	
Old Mather Primary		300
Parkman Primary	2,500	1,400
Polk-street Primary	3,500	
Poplar-street Primary	200	
Pormort Primary		300
Quincy-street Lewis Primary	3,500	
Rutland-street Primary		600
Savin Hill Primary	400	600
Shurtleff Grammar	7,500	
Carried forward,	$143,475	$22,800

Name of School.	Cost of Ventilation.	Cost of Sanitaries.
Brought forward,	$143,475	$22,800
Thetford-street Primary	2,800	1,200
Thomas N. Hart Grammar	6,000	2,000
Tuckerman Primary		600
Union-street Primary	400	
Vernon-street Primary		1,600
Washington Allston Grammar	6,000	
Washington-street Primary	400	700
Washington-street Grammar and Primary, Germantown	400	700
Webster-place Primary	600	600
Weston-street Primary	3,000	
Williams Primary (new building)	600	600
Winchell Primary	900	950
Winship Primary	2,000	
	$166,575	$31,750

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from City Council; site for High School-house in East Boston. [See p. 19.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 16 — a communication from the City Council with relation to a site for a High School in East Boston, reported that the subject of the communication has been taken into consideration by this committee, who fully recognize the needs of the East Boston High School as well as the needs of the other High Schools in the city. As soon as those districts which are at present without sufficient school accommodations are provided for, and as soon as present buildings which are old and unfit for occupancy for school purposes are replaced with proper buildings, the committee believe the High Schools should receive the attention of the Board. The matter of providing new school buildings is one which this committee have under consideration, and they recommend that no further action on the subject referred is necessary by the Board at this time.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the City Council.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from Common Council; new building for Heath-street School-house.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, a communication from the Common Council concerning a new building for the Heath-street School-house, Roxbury, reported that at the request of this committee the Superintendent of Public Buildings made a special examination of the Heath-street School-house, and we learn that a comparatively small sum (about $400) will be required for improving the sanitation and ventilation of the building. This school-house is included in the list of school buildings requiring improvements in sanitation sent to His Honor the Mayor. There is no immediate need for a new building for this school.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the Common Council.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from Common Council; sanitary condition of Cushman, Ingraham, and Eliot School-houses.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, a communication from the Common Council requesting the School Committee to report on the sanitary condition of the Cushman, Ingraham, and Eliot School-houses, reported that as the whole subject of sanitation and ventilation of school-houses is now in the hands of an expert commission appointed by His Honor the Mayor, and as this commission will probably make a full report upon the subject, it seems undesirable in the opinion of this committee to make a special report upon these buildings at this time.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the Common Council.

Report of Committee on School Houses; additional accommodations for Dorchester High School.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order that additional accommodations be furnished for the pupils in the Dorchester High School, reported that the Dorchester High School is overcrowded, and additional accommodations

are needed, but after careful consideration it appears to be undesirable to expend any considerable sum for temporary accommodations for this school at the present time. A site has recently been acquired, and the question of a new building is now under consideration. The committee recommend that no further action be taken on the order at this time.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; new building for Normal School.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order concerning a new building for the Normal School, reported that recently the question of the future of this school was referred to the Committee on Normal School and the Board of Supervisors by the School Board, and it seems to your committee that this action practically removes the subject from their consideration, for the present at least. The committee believe that no further action by the Board should be taken until the report of the committee in charge is presented. They beg to be relieved from further consideration of the order at this time.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; accommodations other than school-houses for voting-places.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order requesting them to consider the expediency of asking the City Council to provide other accommodations than school buildings for voting-places, reported that the committee are informed that on account of the changes in the boundary lines of the wards of the city it will be necessary for the Board of Election Commissioners to change to some extent the locations of the voting-places. It is the opinion of this committee that it is desirable to postpone action on this matter until the new list of voting-places is presented to this Board for approval.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from Charles D. Sawin; sanitary condition of Mead-street School-house.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, a letter from Charles D. Sawin, calling attention to the sanitary condition of the Mead-street Primary School-house, reported that the subject of the sanitation and ventilation of school-houses is now under consideration, and that this building will receive attention with others. The committee recommend no further action on the order be taken.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from Orient Heights Association; removal of old school-house on Blackinton School-house lot.
[See p. 13.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 13 — a communication from the Orient Heights Improvement Association with regard to the removal of the old building in the yard of the Blackinton School-house, Orient Heights, reported that, in March, 1895, the School Committee passed the following order, which was transmitted to the City Council: "*Ordered*, That the old Primary School building on the Blackinton School lot, Orient Heights, East Boston, be surrendered to the City Council with the recommendation that the building be sold to be removed, and that the proceeds of the sale be appropriated for furnishing of new school-houses." It is desirable that this old building should be removed as soon as possible, and your committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the attention of the City Council be respectfully called to the order passed by the School Committee, March 26, 1895, as quoted above.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; enlargement of Prince School-house.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order that this committee report upon the expediency of enlarging the Prince School-house, reported that this is a matter which should receive the early attention of the Board. This

is one of the items included in the report of this committee of 1894, and your committee intend taking the subject under consideration as soon as is practicable. The committee recommend that no further action is needed on this subject at present.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from City Council; school-houses in Charlestown to be placed in proper sanitary condition. [See p. 12.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 13 — a communication from the City Council relative to the sanitary condition of certain school-houses in Charlestown, reported that the subject of improving the sanitary condition of all the school-houses is now under consideration, and in the opinion of this committee no special vote of the Board is necessary.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the City Council.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from William E. Ford *et als.*, lot for Primary School-house, George Putnam District.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, the communication from William E. Ford and others concerning a lot for a Primary School-house in the George Putnam District, reported that the committee believe a new Primary School-house in this district would be desirable, and as the number of pupils in the district increases will soon be required, but they believe there is not that urgent necessity for a new building in that section as exists in other districts which are without sufficient accommodations, and where the school buildings have been overcrowded and inadequate for years. In the Seventh Division a new Primary School-house to replace the Vernon-street building, a new Primary School-house in the Hugh O'Brien District, and another in the Lewis District, have been very much needed for several years, and should be, in the judgment of this committee, provided for first. The committee recommend that no further action be taken on the matter referred at this time.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from Edward F. Eckert; sanitary condition of Tileston School-house.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, a communication from Edward F. Eckert relative to the sanitary condition of the Tileston School-house, reported that the matter referred has been taken into consideration by this committee, and no action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from Journeymen Plumbers' Union; letting of contracts to Hussey & Co.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, a communication from the Boston Journeymen Plumbers' Union relative to the letting of contracts to Hussey & Co., reported that the communication has received the consideration of this committee, and as no special vote of the Board seems necessary, they recommend that no further action by the Board be taken.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; employment of architects for new school-houses.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom were referred, from the files of last year, an order that this committee report a plan for the employment of architects for new school-houses, and an order that this committee be authorized to employ an inspector or supervising architect, reported that as the whole subject of erecting new school-houses will probably receive special attention, it seems unwise to this committee to make any recommendation on the propositions referred to in these orders at this time. They recommend that no further action at present is necessary.

Accepted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, presented the following report:

Report of Committee on School Houses; taking of land by right of eminent domain for enlargement

On Nov. 26, 1895, an order was referred to this committee "that the President of this Board be requested to petition the Legislature, at its next session, to authorize the taking, by right of eminent domain, of

an additional lot of land on the corner of Dorchester avenue and Richmond street, Dorchester Lower Mills, necessary to completing the yard of the new school-house in that district." This refers to the lot for the new Grammar School-house in the Stoughton District. It was the original intention to purchase a lot on the corner of Dorchester avenue and Richmond street, containing about 42,180 square feet. It was found that on account of certain restrictions on the property the purchase of the lot could not be consummated, and it became necessary to take the land by right of eminent domain. As the law restricts the amount of land that can be taken by right of eminent domain for school purposes, only 30,000 square feet of the lot originally proposed was secured. This left about 12,180 square feet on Dorchester avenue. Last May an order was referred to this committee to enlarge the lot by purchasing this piece of land on Dorchester avenue. After investigation this committee reported to the Board in July last, that on account of certain restrictions on the property this additional land could not be purchased, and that no more of the original lot could be taken by right of eminent domain, except by special permission of the Legislature. Since that time a retaining-wall has been built on the boundary of the lot parallel with Dorchester avenue. In the opinion of this committee, the present lot is sufficiently large, and it is inexpedient to petition the Legislature as suggested in the order. The committee recommend that no further action be taken in the matter.

of lot on corner of Dorchester avenue and Richmond street.

Accepted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was recommitted — Dec. 24, 1895 — the order relative to a school-house site at the North End, reported that the matter was reconsidered by the Committee on School

Report of Committee on School Houses; lot of land at North End for school purposes.

Houses of last year, who unanimously voted to recommend the site proposed in the following order. The lot is located on Prince street, Murray place, and Bennett avenue, containing 17,154 square feet. The assessed valuation of the property is about $60,600. The Board has made an appropriation of $100,000 for the purpose. The present committee have given their consideration to the matter, and are of the unanimous opinion that the following order ought to pass:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, eight lots of land with buildings thereon, on Prince street, Bennett avenue, and Murray place, North End, containing in all 17,154 square feet, more or less, and supposed to belong respectively to the following-named persons:

No. 18 Bennett avenue, about 460 square feet, Thomas McCormick.

Nos. 4 to 12 Bennett avenue, including 51 and 53 Prince street, about 4,250 square feet, David Flynn.

No. 4 Murray place, about 800 square feet, David Flynn.

No. 3 Murray place, about 600 square feet, Bridget Canovan heirs.

Nos. 2 Murray place and 57 Prince street, about 650 square feet, David Flynn.

Nos. 59 and 61 Prince street, about 3,579 square feet, Mary and Elizabeth A. Healy.

No. 65 Prince street, including rear, about 5,715 square feet, Catherine E. Downing.

No. 67 Prince street, about 1,100 square feet, John Levenson.

Also Murray place, belonging to person or persons unknown.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Blanchard moved to amend the order by striking out all after the words "school purposes," and substituting in place thereof the following: "eight lots of land with buildings thereon, on North Margin street, Thacher street, and Buttrick place, North End, containing in all 20,731 square feet, more or less, and supposed to belong respectively to the following-named persons:

"No. 49 North Margin street, about 2,674 square feet, William G. Hoyt.

"Nos. 1 to 4 Buttrick place, about 2,500 square feet, Walter Ela, trustee.

"No. 59 North Margin street, about 1,000 square feet, Letitia Campbell.

"No. 2 Thacher street, about 757 square feet, Letitia Campbell.

"No. 8 Thacher street, about 13,800 square feet, Redfield Proctor."

On motion of Mr. Blanchard, the yeas and nays were ordered. Yeas and nays.

Mr. Blanchard's motion to substitute was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Blanchard, Davison, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Liebmann, Lowell, and Wise — 10.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, Allen, Calderwood, Dunn, Fowler, Gallivan, Hubbard, Huggan, Paul, Strange, and Wetmore — 11.

Absent or not voting: Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald and Page.

Mr. Fowler, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, offered the following:

Ordered, That section 95 of the Rules be amended by adding the following words to the section: "Principals shall immediately notify the committee in charge of Amendment of section 95, relative to leave of absence to teachers and

employment of substitutes.

the absence of a teacher, and employ a substitute for such teacher for not longer than three days, without the consent of the committee in charge. Principals shall make monthly returns to the Committee on Accounts of all substitutes employed in their schools, in a blank furnished for the purpose. Whenever a substitute is employed for longer than three days, the principal shall at once send to the secretary of the Board, in blanks furnished for the purpose, notice of the date of the beginning of service of such substitutes, and a similar notice of the date of ending of such service."

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, it was

Report of Board of Supervisors on closer relation between Kindergartens and Primary Schools.

Ordered, That the report of the Board of Supervisors, on the subject of closer relations between the Kindergartens and the Primary Schools, be taken from the files of last year and referred to the Committee on Kindergartens.

Presentation of gavel to President of Board.

Mrs. Fifield presented a gavel to the President of the Board, and stated that the stock for the gavel was cut from an oak beam that for more than a hundred years formed a part of the support of the chimes in the belfry of the Old North Church. The head was turned and polished by Nathan D. Whitman, the handle by Clinton Noble, both members of the class of '96 in the Mechanic Arts High School.

The President responded in a courteous address.

On motion of Mr. Wise, it was

Furnishing of desks for Brighton High School.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to report to the Board the reason why the contract for furnishing school desks in the Brighton High School was not awarded to the lowest bidder; also that copies be furnished of the proposal, specification, the bids, and also the contract of the successful bidder.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the report of the Board of Supervisors on the subject of coöperation of the Public Library with the Public Schools was taken from the files of last year.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be requested to confer with the Trustees of the Public Library, and report to this Board the necessary orders to carry out the recommendations of the report of the Board of Supervisors on the subject of coöperation of the Public Library and the Public Schools.

Report of Board of Supervisors on coöperation of Public Library with Public Schools.

Mr. Huggan, for the Committee on Horace Mann School, offered the following:

Ordered, That Julia K. Ordway be appointed special assistant in the Horace Mann School, to date from Sept. 26, 1895, at a salary of five dollars ($5) per week.

Appointment of Julia K. Ordway special assistant in Horace Mann School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Wetmore offered the following:

Whereas, On the eighth day of January, 1896, during the morning session of the Winthrop School, a serious fire broke out within the building, instantly imperilling the lives of more than six hundred children, the head-master, and teachers; and

Vote of thanks to Robert Swan and his assistants.

Whereas, By reason of the quick perception and calm judgment of the head-master, Mr. Robert Swan, and the intelligent conjunction of his fourteen assistants, who had long before concurred with him in a plan of action to be put into effect directly should such an emergency arise, the children intrusted to their care were dismissed with celerity and in order, so that all were saved and none injured; therefore, the School Committee is

Resolved, To record in its proceedings its gratitude to Mr. Swan and his assistants for that rare fortitude and skill which carried them safely through this most

dangerous and difficult situation, qualities which, while assuring the rescue of the children, afforded also an instance of conduct and self-control worthy to be remembered and emulated.

The resolution was passed.

The Chair presented the following petition:

Communication from Edward Dockham; cheaper transportation for school children.

No. 221 Leyden Street,
Orient Heights, E.B., Jan. 25, 1896.

To the Boston School Committee, Mason Street, Boston:

Gentlemen: I wish to bring to your attention and ask your serious consideration of, and such action relating to, the establishment of cheaper transportation for the school children of the city of Boston as will bring about such a very desirable result, and I submit the following plan for your consideration:

That between the hours of 8 A.M. and 5 P.M. on all school days, all children attending school within the city limits shall be entitled to transportation by any railroad company operating upon the streets of Boston, at one-half fare, upon complying with the following conditions and arrangement:

Any pupil in any school within the city of Boston shall, upon application to said pupil's teacher, be entitled to and shall receive from said teacher a certificate that he or she is an attendant at that school, and this certificate, when countersigned by the principal of said school, shall entitle the pupil named on said ticket to purchase and receive from any railroad company operating upon any street of Boston a book containing fifty (50) tickets at a price not exceeding $1.25 (or 2½ cents per ticket). These tickets shall be good for one fare upon the cars of any street-railroad company operating in Boston, and the holder shall be entitled to such free transfers as are furnished those passengers paying the regular 5-cent fare, and where the holder of said ticket has to ride on two lines, he or she shall pay one ticket upon each line, thus: instead of the pupil paying 8 cents for a transfer, it would only be necessary to pay two tickets, or 5 cents.

The railroad company shall take up the certificate issued by the teacher when the holder purchases a book, and the teacher shall issue said certificates and the railroad accept the same as often as demanded by the pupil; but it shall be understood by the pupil that the books are not transferable, and if advisable the railroad company may insist that the holder, if more than ten years of age, shall write

his or her name within the cover of the book as a matter of identification, or the agent of the railroad company may do so at his option.

By the School Committee bringing about some such plan as this the pupils of our schools would be greatly benefited and the cost of transportation would be such as to admit of more riding by them.

Yours respectfully,

EDWARD H. DOCKHAM.

Referred to the Committee on Supplies.

Resignations on committees.

The Chair announced that he had received the resignation of Mr. Page as member of the Committee on Kindergartens, and of Mr. Davison as member of the Committee on First Division.

Accepted.

Appointment on committee.

The Chair appointed Mr. Davison a member of the Committee on Kindergartens.

Approved.

On motion of Mr. Davison, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Feb. 11, 1896.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M.

Present: all the members except Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Page and Paul.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by Mr. Willard S. Allen, the senior member of the Board.

Election of President *pro tem.*

The Chair stated that the first business of the Board would be to elect a President *pro tem.* by ballot.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the rules were suspended, and the Secretary was directed to cast one ballot for Mr. George R. Fowler as President *pro tem.*

George R. Fowler elected President *pro tem.*

The Secretary cast one ballot for Mr. George R. Fowler, and he was declared elected President *pro tem.*

Records amended.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the records of the last meeting were amended as follows: Page 43, before the words "Mr. Fowler, for the Committee on Rules," etc., insert the following:

"Mr. Wise moved that the subject be specially assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

"Passed by a vote of 10 to 8."

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed as amended.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY HALL, Feb. 7, 1896.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; order for City Treasurer to issue bonds for

To the School Committee:

I return herewith without my approval an order passed by your Board requesting the City Treasurer to issue, on March 1, 1896,

$500,000 for new school-houses. [See p. 33.]

negotiable bonds of the city of Boston to the amount of $500,000, to pay expenses incurred for land taken and the building and furnishing of school-houses under the provisions of chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895.

I do not understand that the School Committee has entered into any contracts which call for the actual expenditure of any such sum at or near the date specified. As the authority of the School Committee to incur obligations for new school-houses, etc., to the amount of $500,000 during the current year is fixed by statute, this sum has already been deducted from the borrowing capacity of the city for the current year, and is classed as a loan authorized but not issued. The School Committee can therefore, without any action on the part of the city government, obtain this money to make any payments for the purposes mentioned contracted for by them, and I cannot see any necessity for issuing the loan for the full sum of $500,000 so early in the year, before obligations have been contracted calling for the expenditure of such sum, and thereby causing a loss of interest to the city. If the School Committee will pass an order calling for the issue of this loan from time to time as needed, I shall be happy to approve it.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY,

Mayor.

City of Boston.

In School Committee, Jan. 28, 1896.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be requested to issue, on March 1, 1896, negotiable bonds of the city to the amount of five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000), and to hold the proceeds of the same in the treasury and pay therefrom the expenses incurred for lands taken and the building and furnishing of school-houses under the provisions of chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895.

For the Committee on School Houses,

EDWARD H. DUNN,

Chairman.

Passed.

Attest: PHINEAS BATES,

Secretary.

The communication was placed on file.

The vote whereby the order was passed was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, the following order was substituted for the above order:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be requested to issue, during the current year, negotiable bonds of the city to the amount of five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000), and to hold the proceeds of the same in the treasury and pay therefrom the expenses incurred for lands taken and the building and furnishing of school-houses under the provisions of chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895.

The order passed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council relative to new Primary School-house in Warren District.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan. 30, 1896.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to erect a new Primary School building in the Warren School District in place of the Cross and Mead street Schools, and that the above-named schools be sold and the proceeds of the same be applied to the erection of the new school building.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan. 30, 1896.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

FRANK H. BRIGGS,
President pro tem.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Feb. 1, 1896.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as they deem proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council; new school-house and site in Eliot District.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan. 30, 1896.

Ordered, That owing to the imperative need of more school accommodations in Ward 6, the School Committee is hereby requested to purchase or take by the right of eminent domain a location for a new twelve-room Primary School in the Eliot School district of Ward 6; the sum necessary for the purchase of location, etc., to be taken from the funds to be placed at the disposal of the School Committee during the present year by virtue of the authority given the said committee by chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan. 30, 1896.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

FRANK H. BRIGGS,
President pro tem.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Feb. 1, 1896.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as they deem proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN,
Secretary.

Laid on the table.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council relative to new building for Ira Allen School.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan. 30, 1896.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to report to the Common Council at its next meeting as to the necessity of erecting a new eight-room school building on Leon street, in place of the old Ira Allen School building now there, together with an estimate of the cost of the same, and also the proposed location of the building.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan. 30, 1896.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

FRANK H. BRIGGS,
President pro tem.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Feb. 1, 1896.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for report.

THOMAS A. MULLEN,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from City Council; selection of site for new school-house on Prince street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Feb. 6, 1896.

Resolved, That the City Council hereby request the School Committee to select the proposed site upon Prince street for the new school-house at the North End, in order that additional land adjacent to such site may be taken by the city, through the Board of Park Commissioners, for the purposes of a public playground.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence. In Board of Aldermen, February 10, concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Laid on the table.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from City Council; iron fence in front of Robert G. Shaw School-house.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan. 23, 1896.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to cause an ornamental iron fence to be erected in front of the Robert G. Shaw School-house, in Hastings street, Ward 23.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence. In Board of Aldermen, January 27, concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from City Council; erection of new Grammar School house in vicinity of Forest Hills.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, Jan. 27, 1896.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to locate and erect a new Grammar School-house in the vicinity of Forest Hills station, West Roxbury, the cost of the same not to exceed $75,000.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence. January 30, came up concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Street Commissioners; taking of land for site for new building for Dorchester High School.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, CITY HALL, Feb. 11, 1896.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

In accordance with the request contained in your order of Nov. 26, 1895, the Board of Street Commissioners have this day voted to take, for school purposes, 60,000 square feet of land, more or less, from Richard C. Humphreys and others, trustees, on Talbot avenue, Centre and Lithgow streets, at Dorchester, and have on this day recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk their decree of taking of said land.

Respectfully,
For the Board of Street Commissioners,

J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

Special assignment; lot of land at North End for school purposes. [See pp. 41, 42, 43.]

On motion of Mr. Lowell, the special assignment, being the order reported by the Committee on School Houses concerning a school site at the North End, was taken up.

Mr. Calderwood moved that the vote whereby Mr. Blanchard's motion to substitute an order for the order reported by the Committee on School Houses relative to a school site at the North End was declared lost, at the last meeting, be reconsidered. (See page 43.)

On motion of Mr. Wise, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. Calderwood's motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Blanchard, Davison, Eaton, and Wise — 4.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Calderwood, Dunn, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fowler, Gallivan, Hubbard, Huggan, Liebmann, Lowell, McDonald, Strange, and Wetmore — 17.

Absent or not voting: Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Page and Paul.

The Chair stated that the question was on the passage of the order as reported by the Committee on School Houses, as follows:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, eight lots of land with buildings thereon, on Prince street, Bennet avenue, and Murray place, North End, containing in all 17,154 square feet, more or less, and supposed to belong respectively to the following-named persons:

No. 18 Bennet avenue, about 460 square feet, Thomas McCormick.

Nos. 4 to 12 Bennet avenue, including 51 and 53 Prince street, about 4,250 square feet, David Flynn.

No. 4 Murray place, about 800 square feet, David Flynn.

No. 3 Murray place, about 600 square feet, Bridget Canovan heirs.

Nos. 2 Murray place and 57 Prince street, about 650 square feet, David Flynn.

Nos. 59 and 61 Prince street, about 3,579 square feet, Mary and Elizabeth A. Healy.

No. 65 Prince street, including rear, about 5,715 square feet, Catherine E. Downing.

No. 67 Prince street, about 1,100 square feet, John Levenson.

Also Murray place, belonging to person or persons unknown.

Mr. Wise moved that the order be amended by adding the following words to the order: "Provided that the Street Commissioners shall not act on this order until a sufficient sum is appropriated by the City Council to establish the playground on Prince street as outlined in the Mayor's communication to this Board."

Mr. Anderson raised the point of order that the School Committee could not ask the Board of Street Commissioners to acquire this site and then provide in the order that they shall not do so.

The Chair declared the point of order well taken, and ruled that the amendment offered by Mr. Wise could not be entertained.

Mr. Wise moved that the order be amended by prefixing the following words: "When the City Council shall appropriate a sufficient sum to establish the playground on Prince street as outlined in the Mayor's communication to this Board."

The Chair ruled that the amendment was in substance the same as the preceding amendment offered by the gentleman, and ruled that it could not be entertained.

The question came on the passage of the order.

On motion of Mr. Blanchard, the yeas and nays were ordered.

The order passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Calderwood, Dunn, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fowler, Gallivan, Hubbard, Huggan, Liebmann, Lowell, McDonald, Strange, and Wetmore — 17.

Nays: Messrs. Blanchard, Davison, Eaton, and Wise — 4.

Absent or not voting: Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Page and Paul.

Mr. Strange moved that the vote whereby the order was passed be reconsidered, hoping his motion would not prevail.

The motion to reconsider was lost.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Emerson District.— Bremen E. Sinclair, third assistant, Jan. 2, 1896.

Phillips District. — Elizabeth K. Bolton, fourth assistant, Nov. 1, 1895.

Kindergartens.

Cushman School. — Mary Wall, assistant, Feb. 3, 1896.

Mather School. — Amelia J. Burrill, principal, Feb. 3, 1896.

West Concord-street School. — Gertrude L. Watson, assistant, Feb. 3, 1896.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Kindergartens.

Special assistants.

Cudworth School. — Florence H. Barrows, from Jan. 22, 1896.

Tappan School. — Mary E. Cochran, from Feb. 5, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Bunker Hill District. — Margaret A. Mernin, fourth assistant, from Feb. 10, 1896.

Gibson District. — Viola M. Allen, third assistant, from Jan. 22, 1896; Mary A. Duston, third assistant, from Jan. 21, 1896.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Alice G. Russell, fourth assistant, from Jan. 7, 1896.

Quincy District. — Alice B. Hennessey, third assistant, from Jan. 20, 1896.

Sherwin District. — Sara M. Baker, third assistant, from Jan. 28, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Brimmer District. — M. Florence McGlashan, third assistant, fifth year, from Feb. 10, 1896.

Dillaway District. — Theresa B. Finneran, fourth assistant, from Jan. 2, 1896.

Emerson District. — Bremen E. Sinclair, first assistant, sixth year, from Jan. 2, 1896.

Everett District. — Eva G. Reed, Estelle M. Williams, fourth assistants, from Feb. 17, 1896.

Frothingham District. — Lena E. Campbell, fourth assistant, from Feb. 13, 1896.

Quincy District. — Vyra L. Tozier, third assistant, sixth year, from Feb. 17, 1896.

Shurtleff District. — Margaret L. Nolan, third assistant, third year, from March 2, 1896.

Assistant Director of Modern Languages. — Jacob Lehmann, from Feb. 3, 1896.

Kindergartens.

Baldwin School. — Juliette Billings, assistant, third year, from Feb. 3, 1896.

Decatur-street School. — Gertrude L. Watson, principal, third year, from Feb. 3, 1896.

Mather School. — Mary Wall, principal, second year, from Feb. 3, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

John A. Andrew District. — Mary L. Fitzgerald, second assistant.

Lawrence District. — Mary F. O'Brien, third assistant.

Martin District. — George W. Ransom, sub-master.

Warren District. — Caroline A. Meade, third assistant.

Winthrop District. — Mary L. Fitzpatrick, third assistant.

Kindergartens.

Margaret Fuller School. — Sarah A. James, assistant.

Roxbury-street School. — Ellen M. Fiske, principal.

Thomas N. Hart School. — Mary I. Hamilton, assistant.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Assistant in Evening Schools.

Eliot School. — Assistant, Emma Batchelder, from Jan. 2, 1896.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

TRANSFERS.

Kindergartens.

Transfer of teachers.

Parmenter-street School. — Mary T. Mears, principal, to the same position in the Quincy-street School, to date from Feb. 1, 1896.

Quincy-street School. — Ida E. McElwain, assistant,

to the same position in the Centre-street School, to date from Feb. 1, 1896.

Accepted, and the transfers confirmed.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Agassiz District. — Caroline N. Poole, third assistant, from Jan. 16, 1896, until March 1, 1896; Evelyn E. Kelley, substitute. Caroline N. Poole.

Bowditch District. — Emily H. Maxwell, third assistant, from Feb. 3, 1896, until April 1, 1896; Rose E. Keenan, substitute. Emily H. Maxwell.

Chapman District. — Maria D. Kimball, second assistant, until April 1, 1896; Agnes J. Hallahan, substitute. Maria D. Kimball.

Dearborn District. — Mary E. Connor, fourth assistant, until Feb. 21, 1896. Mary E. Connor.

Dillaway District. — Mary L. Gore, third assistant, until April 1, 1896; Emma E. Long, substitute. Mary L. Gore.

Everett District. — Florence A. Perry, fourth assistant, from Jan. 27, 1896, until May 1, 1896; Sarah E. Crocker, substitute. Florence A. Perry.

Frothingham District. — Martha Yeaton, fourth assistant, until May 1, 1896; Mary E. Sullivan, substitute. Martha Yeaton.

Harris District. — Charlotte A. Powell, third assistant, from Jan. 1, 1896, until April 1, 1896; Annie C. Gallup, substitute. Charlotte A. Powell.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Catherine M. McGinley, substitute for Sarah H. Hosmer, fourth assistant, granted leave of absence. Catherine M. McGinley, substitute.

Lincoln District. — Sarah A. Curran, second assistant, until April 1, 1896. Sarah A. Curran.

Eliza F. Russell.

Lyman District. — Eliza F. Russell, first assistant, from Dec. 4, 1895, until April 1, 1896; Mabel L. Chapman, substitute.

Hannah G. Gleason.

Quincy District. — Hannah G. Gleason, second assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 29, 1896, until April 1, 1896; Catherine T. Sullivan, substitute.

Roxanna N. Blanchard.

Shurtleff District. — Roxanna N. Blanchard, third assistant, from Feb. 1, 1896, until March 1, 1896.

Abbie M. Mott.

Warren District. — Abbie M. Mott, third assistant, from Jan. 17, 1896, until April 17, 1896; Fanny L. Rogers, substitute. Abby E. Holt, third assistant, from Jan. 2, 1896, until May 1, 1896; Mary F. Felton, substitute.

Abby E. Holt.

Sara F. Boynton.

Washington Allston District. — Sara F. Boynton, second assistant, from Jan. 1, 1896, until May 1, 1896.

Kindergartens.

Helena P. Stacy.

Everett School. — Helena P. Stacy, principal, until April 1, 1896.

Eleanor P. Gay.

Rutland-street School. — Eleanor P. Gay, principal, until April 1, 1896; Cora K. Pierce, substitute.

Report of Committee on School Houses; appropriation for grading Morton-street School-house lot.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, reported that the balance of the appropriation for erecting the Morton-street School-house, transferred from the Architect's Department to the School Committee for grading the lot of said building, has proved to be insufficient, and about five hundred dollars additional is needed. The committee, therefore, recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That of the $500,000 allowed under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, last year, for new school-houses, etc., the sum of five hundred dollars ($500) be appropriated for completing the grading of the Morton-street School-house lot.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, presented the following report:

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from Transit Commission relative to use of Winthrop School-house yard.

Last December the following letter of the Boston Transit Commission to the Mayor was referred to the School Committee:

BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION,
20 BEACON STREET, BOSTON, Dec. 18, 1895.

To His Honor the Mayor, EDWIN U. CURTIS:

DEAR SIR: In building the subway it is desirable to have a ventilating shaft in the Winthrop School-house lot. The position selected therefor is shown on the accompanying plan, for which we respectfully ask your approval.

For the Commission,
GEORGE G. CROCKER,
Chairman.

The following letter has been received:

BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION,
20 BEACON STREET, Boston, Jan. 27, 1896.

EDWARD H. DUNN, ESQ., *Chairman of Committee on School Houses, School Committee:*

DEAR SIR:

Areas in yard of Winthrop School-house, desired during the construction of Section 4.

I am requested by the Commission to learn if it can make use of a portion of the yard of the Winthrop School-house for storage of materials, and perhaps for sawing lumber and similar purposes, during the construction of Section 4 of the subway, on Tremont street, from Boylston street to Warren street. If that is the case it will effect a very considerable saving to the city of Boston. All the space you can spare can be used to advantage, and will be highly appreciated.

It is probable that work will begin on Section 4 early in March, and be continued until late in the fall.

In case you grant this request, will you kindly indicate the regulations which you desire to have observed during the occupation, whether you wish certain fences put up, etc.?

I should be glad to receive an early answer.

Yours respectfully,
H. A. CARSON,
Chief Engineer.

The committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Boston Transit Commission be informed that the School Committee, so far as it has any power in the premises, has no objection to the proposed use of the unpaved portion of the yard of the Winthrop School in the manner indicated in the communications of the Transit Commission of Dec. 18, 1895, and Jan. 27, 1896, provided that sufficient measures are adopted by the Transit Commission for the protection of the school children and others from any damage by reason of said use of said yard.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Wise, the order was specially assigned to the next meeting.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, presented the following:

Report of Committee on School Houses; furnishing desks for Brighton High School-house. [See p. 44.]

The Committee on School Houses, who were requested — Jan. 28 — "to report to the Board the reason why the contract for furnishing school desks in the Brighton High School was not awarded to the lowest bidder; also that copies be furnished of the proposal, specification, the bids, and also the contract of the successful bidder," report that the following advertisement was inserted in all the daily papers of this city:

CITY OF BOSTON. — Proposals for school furniture for the Brighton High School. Sealed proposals for the furnishing of the school furniture for the Brighton High School will be received at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, Boston, Mass., until Monday, Jan. 20, 1896, at 4 o'clock, P.M.; plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, Old Court House, Court Street, Boston, Mass. (room 30); proposals should be addressed to the undersigned, and indorsed "Proposals for the School Furniture, Brighton High School." The committee reserve the right to reject any and all proposals.

WILLIAM T. EATON,
Chairman Committee on School Houses of the School Committee.

The following is a copy of the specifications referred to in the advertisement:

CITY OF BOSTON — SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SCHOOL FURNITURE FOR BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL.

SPECIFICATIONS.

MATERIALS AND WOKMANSHIP.

To furnish such quantities and such sizes as herein specified. All castings to be of the best stove metal, cast clean and regular, finished up and japanned in the best manner. Screw-holes for securing stands to the floor must be at an angle. All desks to be 20 × 26 inches lid top, not more than two pieces in top; seats to have one piece in seat. The lumber in construction of furniture to be thoroughly seasoned, free from saps, shakes, and other defects, and guaranteed for two years. All desks to be screwed down to the floor. Ink-wells to be Whitcomb star ink-well. All desks to be set as per plan furnished with these specifications.

SECURITY AGAINST INFRINGEMENTS.

Contractors to secure the School Board against any infringements of patents involved or used in manufacture of goods, or cost of any litigation arising therefrom.

All desks, etc., must be put on lower floor and carried carefully to the class-rooms, where they are to be screwed to the floor according to plans furnished, except that about fifty desks and chairs are to be on platforms.

Any damage done to the building in screwing to the floor through carelessness or inexperience on the part of the men so employed will be charged to the contractor for said work, and the cost of repairing such damage to be deducted from the contract price. All rubbish must be removed and the building left clean at the completion of the work.

BOND AND TIME.

Parties to whom contract may be awarded will, within forty-eight hours after receiving notice, be required to enter into bonds for the faithful performance of the work. Said work to be completed within thirty days after awarding of contract. Said bond to cover a period of two years, in this, — guaranteeing all repairs, checks, shakes, or any other defects.

There are about four hundred and eight desks wanted.

Committee reserve the right to award the contract for the best interest of the city.

The Committee on School Houses held a meeting Monday, Jan. 20, 1896, all the members being present. At four o'clock on that day, in accordance with the advertisement, the committee publicly opened and read the bids as follows:

GLOBE FURNITURE COMPANY.

For desk and chair made of maple	$3 80
" " " " " " cherry or quartered oak . .	3 95
For the panel back, semi-revolving chair add . . .	50
For platform add	25

BOBRICK SCHOOL FURNITURE COMPANY.

No. 3 Peerless adjustable desks and chairs, cherry or quartered oak	$4 25
The above with chairs adjustable horizontally (extra) .	15
Favorite stationary desks and chairs, cherry or quartered oak,	3 95
Platforms (each)	70

NOTE: Some of our desk tops are made in two and some in three pieces (none have more than three pieces), but we will furnish all desks with tops in two pieces, and the Whitcomb star ink-wells, provided we are allowed to complete the work within five or six weeks from date of contract, instead of within thirty days as per specifications.

CHANDLER ADJUSTABLE CHAIR AND DESK COMPANY.

Adjustable desks and chairs	$4 70
Platforms, each	75
Adjustable lid, extra	35

GEORGE S. PERRY & CO.

Perry's patent adjustable desk; Perry's independent desk; Perry's improved adjustable desk; each desk and chair (cherry)	$4 35
Perry's new arm-chair	2 00

Samples of the furniture were presented for the inspection of the committee. Representatives of the bid-

ders (except the Globe Co.) were present and made statements to the committee.

After consideration, this committee

Voted, That each room in the Brighton High School be furnished with one row of the Chandler adjustable desk and chair; and that the other desks and chairs shall be the Perry stationary desks and chairs, three sizes, and hinged-lid ink-wells.

The committee reserved the right to reject any and all proposals, and to award the contract for the best interest of the city. The reason why the committee did not award the contract to the lowest bidder was that, in the opinion of the committee, the furniture selected was superior to that presented by the lowest bidder.

On motion of Mr. Wise, the report was specially assigned to the next meeting.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; dates of examinations for teachers' certificates of qualification.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, a communication from the Board of Supervisors, recommending "that the Regulations be amended so that the examinations of candidates for teachers' certificates of qualification, heretofore usually held in August, be discontinued, and that in place thereof examinations be held at the discretion of the Committee on Examinations from time to time during the year," reported that in the opinion of this committee it is desirable to amend the Regulations as suggested, and the committee therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 176. Substitute the following for the section:

SECTION 176. The Board of Supervisors shall hold, each school year, two examinations of candidates for

teachers' certificates of qualification — the first in January and the second in April; and shall determine which grade or grades of candidates shall be invited to attend these examinations.

The Board of Supervisors, with the approval of the Committee on Examinations, may hold other than the two stated examinations, whenever the needs of the schools seem to demand the same.

The Superintendent shall advertise in at least four newspapers of this State — and may advertise in two newspapers outside this State — the grade or grades and the time and place of all examinations of candidates for teachers' certificates of qualification, except such examinations as are provided for in section 92 of the Regulations.

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations relative to certificates of qualification.

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 178. Strike out, in the second and third lines, the words "and shall be approved by the Committee on Examinations."

SECTION 179. Strike out the word "head-masters," in the fourth line. Strike out the word "and," in the eighth line, and insert in place thereof the words "day and evening." Insert after the word "Schools," in the eighth line, the words "and principals of Grammar Schools."

Passed to a second reading.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, offered the following:

Leave of absence to Frieda M. Bethmann.

Ordered, That leave of absence until April 1, 1896, be granted to Frieda M. Bethmann, principal of the Thomas N. Hart Kindergarten.

The rules were suspended.

The order was lost by a vote of 7 to 9.

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Annual Report, presented the annual report of the School Committee for 1895.

Annual Report of School Committee for 1895.

Accepted.

Mr. Huggan, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, a communication from the masters and junior-masters of the Latin and High Schools, asking "that in any readjustment of the salaries the deserts of those teachers of the highest grade should not be forgotten," reported that if any revision of the salaries of teachers is taken into consideration, all ranks of instructors would receive attention. The committee report that no further action on the communication is needed by the Board at this time.

Report of Committee on Salaries; communication from masters and junior-masters relative to salary.

Accepted.

Mr. Huggan, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order that Jennie R. Ware, assistant in the Roxbury High School, be placed upon the maximum salary of her rank, reported that Mrs. Ware was elected to the position she now holds Sept. 9, 1891, upon the seventh year of service in her rank. The present request for an increase in salary is based upon the statement that at the time of her employment she understood that if her work proved satisfactory the Committee on High Schools would consider a proposition to increase her salary. At the time of Mrs. Ware's election (September, 1891) the present rules concerning credit for previous service had not been adopted, and the fact that Mrs. Ware was placed upon the seventh year of service clearly indicates that the Committee on High Schools took the question of her salary under consideration at the time she was nomi-

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Jennie R. Ware.

nated. Her nomination was acted upon at a meeting of the Board held June 23, 1891, more than two months before she was to begin her service, so that ample time was given to her to consider whether or not she would accept the position. She decided to accept the position, and entered upon her duties Sept. 9, 1891. There is no record of any proposition to increase her salary until this order, referred Dec. 10, 1895, was presented. Your committee are of the unanimous opinion that there appears to be no strong reason for increasing this salary. It was for years a well-known custom that the question of the salary of a teacher should be determined at the time of her election, and this committee think the question of the salary of Mrs. Ware was duly considered and determined when she was elected. After a lapse of more than four years there appears to the committee no reason for special action, and they recommend that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following:

Payment to Charles A. Neuert.

Ordered, That there be paid to Charles A. Neuert the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars for services as door-keeper at the meetings of the Board for several years past.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, it was

Flag for Stephen M. Weld School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be and they hereby are requested to furnish a suitable flag for the Stephen M. Weld School-house.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Manual Training, offered the following:

Leave of absence to Principal of Schools of Cookery.

Ordered, That leave of absence for two weeks be granted to the Principal of Schools of Cookery in which to visit the schools of New York and Philadelphia, and

that the expense of the same, not to exceed fifty dollars ($50), be paid by the city.

The Chair stated that it would require a suspension of the rules to pass the order.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost.

Mr. Huggan offered the following:

Ordered, That no text-book be adopted by this Board, for use in our schools, unless recommended, in writing, by the Board of Supervisors.

Text-books to be recommended by Board of Supervisors.

Referred to the Committee on Text-Books.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Oak-square School-house be named the Waban School.

Naming of Oak-square School-house the Waban School.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to consider the expediency of enlarging the lot of the Charlestown High School-house.

Enlargement of yard of Charlestown High School-house.

Mr. Wetmore offered the following:

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor is hereby requested to return to this committee, without his approval, the order passed by this Board Dec. 10, 1895, regarding the taking of certain lots on Chambers and Poplar streets, and in the rear of Allen street, for the purpose of erecting thereon a Primary School.

Request that His Honor the Mayor return order relative to Chambers-street lot without his approval.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the order was specially assigned to the next meeting.

Mr. Bassett offered the following:

Chapter 181 of the Acts of 1895 is as follows:

Regulations relating to American flag in public schools.

AN ACT REQUIRING SCHOOL COMMITTEES TO FURNISH THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WITH NATIONAL FLAGS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the school committees in the several cities and towns of the Commonwealth to provide for each school-house in which public schools are maintained within their respective cities and towns, not otherwise supplied, a United States flag of silk or bunting, not less than four feet in length, and a suitable flag-staff or other apparatus whereby such flag may be displayed on the school-house grounds or school-house buildings every school day, when the weather will permit, and on the inside of the school-house on other school days.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of September in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five. (Approved March 27, 1895.)

In order that the provisions of the above act may be carried out, and at the same time prevent such action becoming perfunctory and without significance, it is hereby

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to prepare such regulations as shall create responsibility for the protection of the several American flags that are now, or may be in the future, in the possession of the schools; and also to prepare such service, at the raising and lowering of the flag, as shall impress upon the pupils a sentiment of love and reverence for our country's banner.

The order passed.

Mr. Bassett offered the following:

Erection of flag-staffs.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses cause suitable flag-staffs to be erected upon such school buildings, or within the yards of such schools, as are at present unprovided with staffs, as provided by chapter 181 of the Acts of 1895.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Bassett offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies furnish all school-houses, not already supplied, with a national flag, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 181 of the Acts of 1895.

Furnishing flags for schools.

Referred to the Committee on Supplies.

Mr. Calderwood presented the following petition:

To the School Committee of the City of Boston:

Petition of assistants in High and Latin Schools relative to salary.

The undersigned assistants in the High and Latin Schools of Boston respectfully petition the School Committee to make the following changes in the interest of a fairer adjustment of salaries; and in the support of our petition we beg leave to set before your honorable body these facts:

The minimum salary for women in the High and Latin Schools is $756 per annum, while that for junior-masters is $1,008.

The annual increase for women is $48; while that for junior-masters is $144.

The maximum salary for women is $1,380 per annum, while that for junior-masters is $2,880.

Therefore we, doing substantially the same work as the men, respectfully request

That our maximum be increased from $1,380 to $1,836.

That our annual increase be changed from $48 to $108.

That the number of years required to reach our maximum be reduced from thirteen to ten.

That upon the adoption of the new scale, each assistant, as she reaches her date of increase under the present system, be given that salary in the new schedule next higher than the sum which she is then receiving.

Signed by sixty-four assistants in High and Latin Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mrs. Ames presented the following petition:

Petition to the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

Petition of S. H. Woodbridge *et als.*; cigarette pictures.

The undersigned citizens of Boston most respectfully request your honorable body to consider the following bill, and, if deemed advisable, to give it the benefit of your approval:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Whoever sells, gives away, or in any way distributes or circulates, any photograph or picture in connection with the sale, gift, transfer, or delivery of cigarettes, either by placing such photograph or picture within a package of cigarettes, or in any other way, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars nor less than ten dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than one year.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

S. H. WOODBRIDGE
and eight others.

Referred to the Committee on Legislative Matters.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Feb. 25, 1896.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mrs. Keller.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Feb. 20, 1896.

Communication from Common Council; appropriation for Interscholastic Trophy.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee on Interscholastic Trophy be taken from the files of 1895, and referred to the School Committee, with a request that they grant the appropriation therein asked, or give a public hearing thereon before adverse action.

Passed in Common Council, Feb. 20, 1896.

A true copy.

Attest: JOSEPH O'KANE,
Clerk of the Common Council.

(DOCUMENT 209 — 1895.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

ON

INTERSCHOLASTIC TROPHY.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Dec. 26, 1895.

The Committee on an Interscholastic Trophy beg leave to report that owing to the delay in their appointment, which was not announced until the last meeting in September, they regret that they have been unable to give the subject before them all the time it deserved, and that it should be accordingly referred to some committee of the Common Council for 1896.

Your committee feel, however, that on the merits of the proposi-

tion there can be little difference of opinion. By the inevitable processes of growth and annexation the city of Boston is continually increasing its area, and the report of the Metropolitan District Commission, to be made public within a few days, is expected to foreshadow new schemes of enlargement. There is danger that our city may some time become merely an aggregation of localities, to the sacrifice of unity and municipal responsibility. This is as true in educational as in other matters. When there was but one Latin School it was properly the object of the interest and pride of all our citizens. To-day we have nine High and two Latin Schools, with an additional High School projected in South Boston; and the pupils of the Brighton High School and their parents naturally have little knowledge of or interest in what is being done in the Charlestown High.

The only bonds of interest existing to-day between the scholars of the various High and Latin Schools of this city are the annual School Regiment parade, the recently organized interscholastic athletic leagues, and the Old South Historical Essay competition. The last mentioned, instituted some years ago by the late Mary Hemenway, to whose unostentatious liberality Boston owes for the preservation of the Old South, and for countless other educational and philanthropic help, more than we appreciate, it seems to your committee is entitled to such official recognition and aid as shall place it upon the permanent basis which its status, as the only intellectual competition existing among the High and Latin Schools of Boston, and its influence in behalf of common municipal feeling and civic pride, justifies.

We estimate that for nine hundred dollars a suitable bronze trophy could be provided, to be inscribed from year to year with the names of the winners, awarded under the supervision of the School Committee, and kept in the corridors or hall of the school holding it for the year. The expense would be insignificant in view of the permanence of the object and its value as an artistic and educational inspiration.

We have reason to believe that the order relating to this matter sent to the School Committee earlier in the year reached them at an unfortunate time and never received proper consideration; and that if due provision be made for such an expenditure in next year's appropriations it will be favorably treated.

BENJ. C. LANE,
JOSEPH H. BARNES, Jr.,
J. J. O'CALLAGHAN,
M. W. NORRIS.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, DEC. 26, 1895.

Assigned to the next meeting, and ordered to be printed.

Attest:

JOSEPH O'KANE,
Clerk of the Common Council.

Referred to the Committee on High Schools.

The following order took its second reading:

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations relative to certificates of qualification. [See p. 66.]

SECTION 178. Strike out, in the second and third lines, the words "and shall be approved by the Committee on Examinations."

SECTION 179. Strike out the word "head-masters," in the fourth line. Strike out the word "and," in the eighth line, and insert in place thereof the words "day and evening." Insert after the word "Schools," in the eighth line, the words "and principals of Grammar Schools."

The order passed.

The following order took its second reading:

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

Dates of examinations for teachers' certificates of qualification. [See pp. 65, 66.]

SECTION 176. Substitute the following for the section:

SECTION 176. The Board of Supervisors shall hold, each school year, two examinations of candidates for teachers' certificates of qualification — the first in January and the second in April; and shall determine which grade or grades of candidates shall be invited to attend these examinations.

The Board of Supervisors, with the approval of the Committee on Examinations, may hold other than the two stated examinations, whenever the needs of the schools seem to demand the same.

The Superintendent shall advertise in at least four newspapers of this State — and may advertise in two newspapers outside this State — the grade or grades and the time and place of all examinations of candidates for teachers' certificates of qualification, except such examinations as are provided for in section 92 of the Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Wise, the opinion of the Superintendent was asked upon the change of the time of the examinations from August to the time specified in the order.

Opinion of Superintendent.

The Superintendent stated that the history of this matter extends back to the years when the examination was held in April. It is not many years since the change was made to August, and it was made for the purpose of trying the effect of an examination at that time upon the convenience of teachers. We were satisfied that nothing very substantial was gained by holding the examination in August. The attendance in April, or in the spring, is quite as likely to be as full as in August. It will be remembered by members of the Board, that an examination was held last March, almost a year ago, and that we were obliged to hold that examination in order to procure a supply of qualified substitutes. To that examination a large number came, almost as many as were accustomed to come in August, from all places,and from all distances, some from Boston, and others from distant States, so that the result of our experience seems to be that it makes practically very little difference when the examinations are held. Now, the examinations in August produce a large number of candidates, available substitutes, if you please, but we are not in need of them at that time. The Normal School turns out one hundred

or more qualified teachers in June, looking for employment the following September. Therefore the prospect for the candidates who come to the examination is not very bright. The August examination is not nearly so attractive now to candidates as it was some years ago when the Normal School delivered its graduating class in January. The great dearth of substitutes now comes in the spring. It used to come in September, hence the necessity of the August examination then. For the last two or three years the necessity has not been felt at all in September, but has been felt in the spring; hence we think that the change will be very favorable to the candidates. They will think there is some prospect of immediate employment; but they do not feel inclined to come in August and wait until the following spring for chances to substitute. Another reason for holding the examination in January is that there may be plenty of time to make due deliberation for the granting of certificates to the High School teachers, — the certificates of the highest grade, — and it is important that the candidates of that class should be ready to take positions in September. We need therefore to hold the examinations earlier, either in the spring or in January. The reason for two examinations instead of one is this: that we may not be overwhelmed with too many candidates at one time. If we divide the examinations and have them in January and in April we shall do our work with more deliberation and to better advantage.

The order passed.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATION.

Resignation of a teacher.

Brighton and East Boston High and Girls' Latin Schools. — Jacob Lehmann, special teacher of modern languages, Feb. 3, 1896.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Latin School. — Charles H. Atkins, junior-master, from March 4, 1896.

Adams District. — Helen L. Dennison, fourth assistant, from March 16, 1896.

Brimmer District. — Mary P. Howland, third assistant, from March 4, 1896.

Charles Sumner District. — Louise M. Cottle, Harriet E. Thing, third assistants, from March 4, 1896; Mary M. A. Twombley, third assistant, from Feb. 3, 1896.

Dearborn District. — Katharine A. Regan, third assistant, from March 4, 1896.

Emerson District. — Florence Covington, fourth assistant, from March 4, 1896.

Hancock District. — Margaret Mulligan, third assistant, Katherine F. Doherty, fourth assistant, from March 4, 1896.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Florence C. Gordon, fourth assistant, from March 4, 1896.

Lewis District. — Abigail A. Scannell, third assistant, from March 4, 1896.

Lincoln District. — Ella M. Keniff, fourth assistant, from March 4, 1896.

Lowell District. — Edward J. Cox, third assistant, from Feb. 10, 1896.

Lyman District. — Edith Dennison, third assistant, from Dec. 4, 1895, to Dec. 13, 1895, inclusive.

Quincy District. — Mary E. Clapp, third assistant, from Feb. 3, 1896; Mary A. McCarthy, fourth assistant, from March 4, 1896.

Tileston District. — Mabel M. Anderson, Clara A. Emerton, third assistants, from March 4, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Gibson District. — Alice C. Chesley, third assistant, from Jan. 2, 1896.

John A. Andrew District. — Alice E. Dacy, third assistant, from Feb. 3, 1896.

Wells District. — Mary Lillis, fourth assistant, sixth year, from Feb. 6, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

East Boston High School. — Ruth B. Whittemore, teacher of physical culture.

Agassiz District. — Alice Nowland, third assistant.

Charles Sumner District. — Mary G. Kelley, fourth assistant.

Minot District. — Etta F. Shattuck, third assistant.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Assistant in an Evening School.

Franklin School. — Assistant, Catherine T. Sullivan, from Jan. 28, 1896.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Elizabeth G. Cahill.

Brimmer District. — Elizabeth G. Cahill, fourth assistant, from Feb. 4, 1896, until May 4, 1896.

Leverett M. Chase.

Amanda E. Henderson.

Dudley District. — Leverett M. Chase, master, from Feb. 17, 1896, until March 16, 1896. Amanda E. Henderson, third assistant, from March 2, 1 96, until July 1, 1896.

Bertha E. Miller.

John A. Andrew District. — Bertha E. Miller, third assistant, from Feb. 1, 1896, until May 1, 1896; Annie E. Newell, substitute.

Caroline F. Seaver.

Lewis District. — Caroline F. Seaver, fourth assistant, from Feb. 3, 1896, until April 6, 1896; Nellie L. Knought, substitute.

E. Isabelle Bense.

Prince District. — E. Isabelle Bense, fourth assistant, from March 1, 1896, until July 1, 1896; Florence M. Winslow, substitute.

Helena P. Stacy.

Everett Kindergarten. — Helena P. Stacy, principal, from Feb. 1, 1896, until April 1, 1896; Anna Stetson, substitute.

Report of Committee on School Houses; new building for Vernon-street School.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, reported that one of the most pressing needs of the city, in reference to new school buildings, is a new Primary School-house on Vernon street, in the Roxbury district. In 1889 the lot of the Vernon-street building was enlarged by the purchase of adjoining land. From that time the urgent need of a new school-house has been presented to the City Council, and an appropriation for such building asked for, but no appropriation was granted. The present Vernon-street School-house was erected in 1849, and enlarged in 1861. There are four rooms in the building. A class has been accommodated in a dwelling-house located on the land purchased to enlarge the lot. The sanitary condition of the building is unsatisfactory, and a new school-house has become an imperative necessity. The committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee, under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following appropriation be made:

New Primary School-house, Vernon street, Roxbury, $50,000.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; naming of Oak-square School-house the Waban School. [See p. 69.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 11 — an order that the Oak-square School-house be named the Waban School, reported that the name Waban is given to a local settlement of the city of Newton, and, in the judgment of this committee, it would be confusing to give this name to this school; that there seems to be a special fitness in calling the school the Oak-square School, as at present, and the committee recommend that no change in the name be made.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; additional appropriation for purchase of land for enlargement of Cudworth School-house lot.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, reported that the City Council of last year appropriated $5,000 for additional land to enlarge the lot of the Cudworth School-house, East Boston. In April, 1895, the Committee on School Houses reported to the Board that it was impossible to purchase the additional land selected for the purpose, on account of the demands made by the owners. An order was passed, April 23, 1895, asking the City Council to take a parcel of land, by right of eminent domain, to enlarge the lot. In May, chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895 was approved, and it became necessary to proceed under the new law to take additional land. June 11, 1895, the Board passed an order that the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, a certain parcel of land adjoining the Cudworth School lot. Notice was received from the Street Commissioners that 5,000 feet of land had

been taken from Catherine Whitstead for the enlargement of the school lot. Dec. 24, 1895, the Street Commissioners informed the Board that they had agreed with Catherine Whitstead upon the sum of $6,500 as payment for the land taken from her Aug. 23, 1895. The original appropriation granted by the City Council was $5,000, and so it is necessary to provide $1,500 more to make up the required sum.

Your committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following appropriation be made:

Cudworth School-house, enlargement of lot, $1,500.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Purchase of land for enlargement of Cudworth School-house lot.

Ordered, That there be paid to Catherine Whitstead the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars ($6,500) as payment for five thousand square feet of land taken from said Whitstead, adjoining the Cudworth School estate, belonging to the city of Boston, at East Boston, for school purposes, Aug. 23, 1895 (said taking having been recorded Aug. 24, 1895), upon the said Whitstead giving to the city a deed of said land satisfactory to the Law Department.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, presented the following report:

Report of Committee on School Houses; enlargement of Thetford-street School-house.

The enlargement of the Thetford-street School building has been under consideration for some time. At the meeting Sept. 10, 1895, the Division Committee recommended that additional school accommodations be provided in the Henry L. Pierce District, and at the next meeting of the Board — Sept. 24, 1895 — the Division

Committee recommended that the Thetford-street building be enlarged. The Committee on School Houses reported, Nov. 12, 1895, that, in their opinion, the Thetford-street building should be enlarged, and they hoped to be able to present the plans for said enlargement. Dec. 18, 1895, the committee submitted an order approving A. Warren Gould as architect, and submitting plans, etc. This order was passed by the Board and approved by the Mayor. As the balance of the amount which could, under chapter 408, be expended last year was insufficient to warrant an appropriation for this purpose, it was necessary to wait until this year. The committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following appropriation be made:

Thetford-street School-house, addition, $35,000.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Dunn presented the following:

Petition from Eliot School Association; naming of school in honor of Samuel F. Smith.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston:

At the fifteenth annual reunion of the Eliot School Association, held at Boston, on Thursday the 19th inst., it was unanimously voted that this Association recommend to the School Committee of the city of Boston the desirability of giving to the new school-house to be erected at the North End the name of the "Samuel F. Smith School," in honor of the author of our patriotic hymn, "America."

The distinguished poet whose name is suggested was born not far from the site of the proposed school; he was an attendant upon and a graduate of the ancient Grammar School in that section; and these facts and his distinguished services to our common country and to humanity seem to emphasize the propriety of giving to the school a name which would be an inspiration to all who might be fortunate enough to be its pupils.

For the Association, very respectfully,

WILLIAM W. DOHERTY,
Its President.

BOSTON, Dec. 23, 1895.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Report of Committee on Legislative Matters; petition of S. H. Woodbridge *et als.*, cigarette pictures. [See pp. 71, 72.]

Mr. Fowler, for the Committee on Legislative Matters, reported that on February 11 a communication was referred to them signed by S. H. Woodbridge and others, submitting the form of a bill to be presented to the Legislature to prevent the distribution and circulation of photographs and pictures in connection with the sale of cigarettes, and asking the Board to consider the bill, and, if deemed advisable, to give it the benefit of the approval of the Board. This committee are of the opinion that this bill should receive the endorsement of the Board, and they recommed the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the School Committee of Boston heartily approves the bill submitted by the petitioners, and instructs the Committee on Legislative Matters to assist, in the name of this Board, in securing the passage of said bill by the Legislature.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Superintendent of Schools authorized to employ stenographer.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to employ a stenographer and typewriter at a compensation not to exceed six hundred dollars ($600) per annum.

Report of Committee on Accounts; payment to Charles A. Neuert. [See p. 68.]

Mr. Allen, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 11 — an order that Charles A. Neuert be paid three hundred and fifty dollars for services as doorkeeper, reported that they have considered the subject, and are of the opinion that Mr. Neuert's services should be recognized.

As the services performed are in the direction of his duties as janitor of the Mason-street building, this committee would state that they have passed a vote to pay Mr. Neuert two hundred dollars for extra services, and

to also increase his salary as janitor of the Mason-street building four dollars per month, to compensate him for such services in the future.

Accepted.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Manual Training, offered the following:

Ordered, That there be paid to Grace D. Bachelder, instructor in Schools of Cookery, the sum of forty-eight dollars ($48) for extra services in the Schools of Cookery.

Payment to Grace D. Bachelder.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-five dollars ($25) a month, from Feb. 1, 1896, be given to Miss Ella Whiting, for services as instructor in sewing in the Normal School.

Payment to Ella Whiting.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following:

Ordered, That the term of the Evening High School be extended two weeks, and that the school close this year on Friday evening, March 27, 1896.

Extension of term of Evening High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Fowler offered the following:

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended so that the teachers of the ungraded classes in the Third Division shall hereafter rank as second assistants instead of third assistants; the salary of each teacher to be determined at the time of her nomination in the new rank in accordance with the provisions of section 117 of the Rules.

Teachers of ungraded classes in Third Division to rank as second assistants.

Referred to the Committee on the Third Division.

On motion of Mr. Blanchard, the vote whereby the following order was declared lost at the last meeting was reconsidered. (See page 66.)

Leave of absence to Frieda M. Bethmann. [See p. 66.]

Ordered, That leave of absence until April 1, 1896, be granted to Frieda M. Bethmann, principal of the Thomas N. Hart Kindergarten.

The order passed.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, the following order was taken from the table (see page 23):

Text-books in mathematics, Mechanic Arts High School. [See p. 23.]

Ordered, That copies of Seaver's Franklin Elementary Trigonometry, and Logarithmic and Trigonometric Tables by Seaver and Walton, be authorized for use as text-books in the Mechanic Arts High School.

The question came on the passage of the order.

The Chair ruled it would require 16 votes to pass the order.

The order passed, 23 members voting in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Page, it was

Special room for instruction in drawing.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to consider the expediency of providing, in the plans for new school-houses, a special room for instruction in drawing.

Mrs. Ames presented the following:

Petition from New England Woman's Club; naming of new school-house in honor of Elizabeth Palmer Peabody.

NEW ENGLAND WOMAN'S CLUB,
No. 5 PARK STREET, BOSTON.

To the School Committee of Boston, Mass.:

GENTLEMEN AND LADIES: The New England Woman's Club respectfully petition you to name one of the new school-houses shortly to be erected in the city of Boston, the capital of the Commonwealth, in honor of our late beloved member and distinguished fellow-citizen, Elizabeth Palmer Peabody.

We ask this that her name and character may thus become widely known to the coming generations who will occupy this building, and who may thus be led to appreciate her virtues and to emulate her deeds.

Miss Peabody belonged by every tie to the educational interests of Massachusetts, and especially of Boston.

Her father was a physician of good standing in the historic town

of Salem, and her mother, who had herself been a teacher, was a woman of high moral and intellectual attainments, who implanted in her children a deep reverence for religious principle, moral conduct, and wise thought.

Miss Peabody engaged in her work of teaching at an early age, and her pupils still look back upon her influence not only as filling them with the love of science, art, and literature, but as elevating and moulding their whole natures.

Many of the advanced ideas of education which have since found practical expression in our schools were early accepted by her and carried out in her own work. She aided Mr. Alcott in his remarkable experiments in school education. She studied the best authorities on the subject, of her own day, and translated the admirable treatise of Degerando. Through her connection by her sister's marriage with Horace Mann, the great leader in education, all aspects of the subject were constantly brought to her mind. History and language engaged a great share of her attention, and some of her essays on these subjects are as admirable in style as profound in thought.

But she was not only a technical teacher, she was a student of the highest culture, the intimate friend of Channing, Allston, Margaret Fuller, Emerson, Parker, and all the leading minds of that epoch of active thought and earnest life. Her range of intellectual sympathies was very wide, and fettered by no party or sect.

Her generous nature led her to welcome every sufferer to her heart and home, and the exile from oppression abroad always found in her a friend. From the cultivated thinkers driven to our shores by the unrest of Europe, she gained a broad knowledge of languages, and she did great service in the extension of our knowledge of foreign literature by establishing a bookstore and library for foreign books. As our noble Public Library was not then founded, this was of very great service to students.

In her reminiscences of Channing, Allston, and others, she has preserved for us much of the best life of those great men.

I will not detain you to speak of her services to the cause of the slave and the Indian, nor her warm sympathy with her country in its hour of struggle, nor her interest in the advancement of women, and her innumerable private deeds of benevolence.

Her last years were largely devoted to a cause by which she is probably best known at this time, — her interest in the establishment of the kindergarten in this country. She accepted the idea at once, and began a practicable experiment in 1860. She afterwards travelled in Europe, studying the method, and on her return devoted

herself unceasingly to the propagation of the ideas of Froebel, by lectures, to illustrations of his methods, and constant assistance to the teachers of the schools.

Now that these methods are made the first step in the public-school system in Boston, it seems most fitting that she should be commemorated here. Yet this is by no means her only or her greatest service in education, which she had promoted by her own wide culture, and her constant influence upon other minds in many fields.

We would therefore respectfully ask, not for a kindergarten alone to be named for her, but for the school-house representing the highest and broadest work in education, which it is in your power to dedicate to her memory.

With the deepest interest in the public schools of Boston and of Massachusetts, and the most heartfelt wishes for their constant progress and success, we make this request.

Respectfully yours,

JULIA WARD HOWE,
Treasurer New England Woman's Club.

LUCIA M. PEABODY,
Secretary New England Woman's Club.
For the Club as unanimously voted.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Wise, the special assignment, being the order appended to the report of the Committee on School Houses relative to the use of the Winthrop School-house yard by the Transit Commission, was taken up.

The Chair stated the question was on the passage of the following order (see page 62):

Use of Winthrop School-house yard by Transit Commission. [See p. 62.]

Ordered, That the Boston Transit Commission be informed that the School Committee, so far as it has any power in the premises, has no objection to the proposed use of the unpaved portion of the yard of the Winthrop School, in the manner indicated in the communications of the Transit Commission of Feb. 18, 1895, and Jan. 27, 1896, provided that sufficient measures are adopted by the Transit Commission for the protection of the

school children and others from any damage by reason of said use of said yard.

The order passed.

On motion of Mr. Wise, the special assignment, being the report of the Committee on School Houses relative to school furniture for the Brighton High School-house, was taken up. (See pages 62–65.)

Report of Committee on School Houses; furnishing desks for Brighton High School. [See pp. 44, 62, 63, 64, 65.]

The report was accepted.

The Chair announced the following appointment on a committee to fill a vacancy:

Appointment on committee.

First Division. — Mr. Gallivan.

Approved.

On motion of Mr. Wetmore, the special assignment, being the order requesting His Honor the Mayor to return the order concerning the Chambers-street lot, was taken up. (See page 69.)

The order is as follows:

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor is hereby requested to return to this committee, without his approval, the order passed by this Board, Dec. 10, 1895, regarding the taking of certain lots on Chambers and Poplar streets, and in the rear of Allen street, for the purpose of erecting thereon a Primary School.

Request that His Honor the Mayor return order relative to Chambers-street lot without his approval. [See p. 69.]

The order was lost.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be respectfully requested not to permit the use of the Old Dorchester Town Hall for social entertainments in the future, as such use of the hall seriously interferes with the instruction in military drill.

Old Dorchester Town Hall not to be used for social entertainments.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 10, 1896.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present, all the members except Messrs. Liebmann and Page.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, the rule providing for the order of business was suspended. Rules suspended.

Mr. Bassett offered the following:

Resolved, That the School Committee of the City of Boston join in the general expression of deep regret at the great loss to the State and Nation occasioned by the death of Frederic T. Greenhalge, the late beloved Governor of Massachusetts. His lofty character, his high manliness, his unswerving devotion to duty, and his faithful performance of every trust have endeared him in the minds and hearts of the people, and won for him the love and respect of all. His life, so pure, so devoted, and so full of high purposes, will ever remain a noble ideal of the life of a true Christian gentleman. Resolutions on the death of Frederic T. Greenhalge, late Governor of Massachusetts.

Resolved, That the sincere and heartfelt sympathy of this Board be tendered to his sorrowing family in their great bereavement.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered in full upon the records of this Board, and that a copy thereof be sent to the family of the late honored Governor.

Adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; taking of land for enlargement of Bigelow School-house lot.

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, Feb. 28, 1896.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with William H. and Lorenzo L. Allen upon the sum of twenty thousand dollars, without interest, as payment for ninety-three hundred and thirty-seven square feet of land, with buildings thereon, adjoining the Bigelow School estate, on West Fourth and Silver streets, at South Boston, taken by the Board from said Allens, for school purposes, Nov. 29, 1895 (and recorded same day), upon the said Allens giving to the city of Boston a deed for said land satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,
J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Health; condition of Bowditch School-house.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
OLD COURT HOUSE, BOSTON, March 3, 1896.

The Honorable School Committee, City of Boston:

GENTLEMEN: The Board of Health would respectfully call your attention to the condition of the Bowditch School-house situated at the corner of Cheshire and Green streets, Jamaica Plain.

Several serious complaints have been made during the past year by people residing in the vicinity of this school-house, of the bad odors caused by drying and burning the excrement in the vault. The Board has caused an investigation, which shows clearly that during the process of drying the excreta, the odors from it can be observed at a distance of at least four hundred and fifty feet from the school-house, and that during the process of burning it the odors from the same source are easily observed at a distance of a quarter of a mile from the school-house.

The Board of Health would respectfully suggest that such changes as may be found necessary to prevent further annoyance to the neighborhood should be adopted as soon as convenient.

Very respectfully yours,
THE BOARD OF HEALTH,
By S. H. DURGIN,
Chairman.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Superintendent of Schools relative to prosecution of William A. Glines.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, March 10, 1896.

To the School Committee of Boston, ISAAC F. PAUL, *President:*

DEAR SIR: From evidence in my possession I am satisfied that William A. Glines, living at No. 28 Glendale street, Dorchester, and having under his control a child between the age of eight and fourteen years, whom he has not caused to attend school as required by the Acts of 1894, chapter 498, section 1, ought to be prosecuted in the name of the city of Boston, as provided in section 3 of said Act. I ask, therefore, that the School Committee by vote direct George W. Bean, truant officer, to bring the necessary complaint before the municipal court.

Respectfully yours,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Truant Officers.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following:

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Stanley H. Rood, junior-master, from March 4, 1896.

Everett District. — Annetta F. Armes, third assistant, from Feb. 17, 1896. Estelle M. Williams, third assistant, from Feb. 3, 1896, to Feb. 14, 1896, inclusive. Annie M. Bowers, fourth assistant, from Feb. 4, 1896, to Feb. 11, 1896.

Franklin District. — Gabrielle Abbott, fourth assistant, from March 16, 1896.

Gibson District. — Mary A. Cussen, fourth assistant, from Feb. 11, 1896.

Harvard District. — Frances M. Mooers, third assistant, from March 16, 1896.

Hyde District. — A. Maud Gilbert, third assistant, from March 9, 1896.

Lowell District. — Mary J. Fitzsimmons, third assistant, from March 16, 1896.

Lyman District. — Katherine G. Garrity, third assistant, from March 16, 1896.

Minot District. — Annie T. McCloskey, fourth assistant, from March 16, 1896.

Quincy District. — E. May Hastings, third assistant, from March 2, 1896.

Sherwin District. — Laura L. Brown, fourth assistant, from March 4, 1896.

Thomas N. Hart District. — M. Edna Cherrington, fourth assistant, from March 19, 1896.

Wells District. — Annie E. Newell, fourth assistant, from Feb. 5, 1896, to Feb. 11, 1896, inclusive. Mary V. Prendergast, fourth assistant, from March 5, 1896.

Schools of Cookery. — Margaret W. Howard, instructor, from Feb. 12, 1896.

Accepted and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Phillips District. — Sarah F. Cole, third assistant, second year, from Jan. 27, 1896.

Wells District. — Carrie M. Cogswell, fourth assistant, sixth year, from Feb. 5, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Bowdoin District. — Amelia S. Duncan, third assistant.

Emerson District. — Louise S. Hotchkiss, third assistant.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Mary E. McCarthy, fourth assistant.

Manual Training Schools. — George F. Hatch, assistant instructor.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Agassiz District. — Caroline N. Poole, third assistant, from March 1, 1896, until April 1, 1896; Evelyn E. Kelley, substitute. Caroline N. Poole.

Bowdoin District. — Mabel West, fourth assistant, from Jan. 20, 1896, until April 1, 1896; Catherine M. Dolan, substitute. Mabel West.

Dearborn District. — Helen Doherty, third assistant, until April 3, 1896; James H. Gormley, substitute. Mary F. Walsh, third assistant, until April 3, 1896; Abby E. Flagg, substitute. Helen Doherty. Mary F. Walsh.

Everett District. — Mary S. Murphy, substitute, from Feb. 17, 1896, until Sept. 1, 1896, for Ann R. Gavett, third assistant, granted leave of absence on half-pay. Mary S. Murphy, substitute.

Mather District. — Florence E. Griffith, fourth assistant, from March 2, 1896, until July 1, 1896; Katherine E. Evans, substitute. Florence E. Griffith.

Phillips District. — Louise H. Hinckley, third assistant, from Feb. 24, 1896, until March 14, 1896. Louise H. Hinckley.

Sherwin District. — Annie M. Trundy, third assistant, from March 1, 1896, until June 1, 1896; Mary L. Long, substitute. Annie M. Trundy.

Stoughton District. — Caroline F. Melville, third assistant, from March 2, 1896, until July 1, 1896; Elizabeth B. Wetherbee, substitute. Caroline F. Melville.

Thomas N. Hart District. — Bertha Pierce, third assistant, from Feb. 7, 1896, until April 3, 1896; Annie M. Bowers, substitute. Bertha Pierce.

Winthrop District. — Emma I. Baker, fourth assist- Emma I. Baker.

ant, from Feb. 3, 1896, until April 2, 1896; Jane M. O'Brien, substitute.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from Common Council; flag-staff for Phillips School.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, a communication from the Common Council requesting the School Committee to consider the advisability of placing a flag-staff upon the Phillips School-house, reported that the estimated expense for a proper flag-staff for this building is $340. This committee are of the opinion that as the whole subject of providing flag-staffs for school buildings is now before them for consideration, and will require a special report, it is undesirable to make any recommendations with regard to any one school at this time. The committee intend to submit this special report on flag-staffs at an early day.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the Common Council.

Report of Committee on School Houses; flag-staff for Chestnut-avenue School-house.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, reported that an order was passed by the School Committee last year requesting this committee to provide a flag-staff for the Chestnut-avenue School-house. Upon investigation, they find the expense would be about $150 for a proper flag-staff. The committee are of the opinion that it is inexpedient to provide this flag-staff at the present time.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Purchase of land adjoining Bigelow School-house lot. [See page 92.]

Ordered, That there be paid to William H. and Lorenzo L. Allen the sum of twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) without interest, as payment for ninety-three hundred and thirty-seven square feet of land, with buildings thereon, adjoining the Bigelow School estate, on West Fourth and Silver streets, at South Boston, taken from said Allens, for school purposes, Nov. 29,

1895 (and recorded same day), upon the said Allens giving to the city a deed for said land satisfactory to the Law Department.

Report of Committee on School Houses; petition from New England Woman's Club; naming of new school-house in honor of Elizabeth Palmer Peabody. [See pp. 86, 87, 88.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 25 — a petition of the New England Woman's Club in favor of naming a school-house in honor of the late Elizabeth P. Peabody, reported that in the opinion of this committee this name is an eminently fit one to be bestowed upon a school-house in this city, and they recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the new Primary School-house, Beech street, Roslindale, be named the Peabody School, in honor of the late Elizabeth P. Peabody.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on School Houses; petition for new Grammar School-house between the Henry L. Pierce and Tileston School-houses.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, a petition from the residents of Dorchester for a new Grammar School-house between the Henry L. Pierce and Tileston School-houses, reported that this committee after due consideration are of the opinion that the enlargement of the Thetford-street building will provide sufficient accommodations for that part of Dorchester for some time. The necessity of first providing for the long existing wants of the past compels this committee to recommend that before future needs are considered the wants of the past be provided for. The committee recommend therefore that no further action on the petition be taken at this time.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; special room for instruction in drawing. [See p. 86.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 25 — an order that this committee be requested to consider the expediency of providing in the plans of new school-houses a special room for instruction in drawing, reported that in the judgment of this com-

mittee it is inexpedient to make such provision at this time.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; enlargement of yard of Charlestown High School-house. [See p. 69.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 11 — an order that this committee be requested to consider the expediency of enlarging the lot of the Charlestown High School-house, reported that in the judgment of this committee it is inexpedient to take action on this matter at the present time.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; erection of retaining-wall on Robert G. Shaw School-house lot.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order that a retaining-wall be erected on the Robert G. Shaw School-house lot, reported that they have carefully considered the matter, and think it desirable that such a wall be built. The estimated expense is about $1,330.45.

The committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to erect a retaining-wall on the Robert G. Shaw School-house lot.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, submitted the following report:

Report of Committee on School Houses; fire-alarm boxes for school-houses. [See p. 18.]

At a meeting of the Board, held January 13, the following order was referred to this committee:

"*Ordered*, That the Committee on School Houses when appointed shall proceed at once to furnish fire-alarm boxes and proper electrical connection in all the school-houses in which fire-alarm boxes were kept before the fire-alarm wires were put underground."

Upon investigation the committee find that there are about ninety school buildings which are now provided with the Auxiliary Fire Alarm. There are six buildings from which this fire-alarm was removed when the wires were placed underground. To replace the Auxiliary Fire Alarm in these six buildings will cost about $1,800. To place the Auxiliary Fire Alarm in the other buildings now unpro-

vided for (about fifty-four in number) will cost about $7,310. The annual rental of the system for the one hundred and fifty buildings where this alarm would be desirable and necessary would be about $6,220. Thus it would require for the proper equipment of the school buildings with the Auxiliary Fire Alarm about $15,330.

The committee are strongly in favor of providing all the school buildings with this system. In view of the reduced appropriations it does not seem possible to take this money out of the amounts appropriated for repairs, etc., even were there no doubt of this being a proper expense to charge to such appropriation. This committee are of the opinion that the City Council should be requested to grant a special appropriation for the purpose of equipping the school buildings with the Auxiliary Fire Alarm, and the payment of the rental of the same for this year.

The committee made inquiries concerning fire extinguishers, etc., in school buildings. We learn from a special report of the Superintendent of Public Buildings on the subject that there are at present forty-two school-houses equipped with fire extinguishers. It will require about two hundred and fifty fire extinguishers to properly equip all the buildings. The estimated expense of these extinguishers is $3,750.

There are fourteen school-houses with stand-pipes, two of them having no hose: namely, the Bowditch Grammar and the Plummer Primary.

The committee are of the opinion that these buildings should be equipped with fire extinguishers, and for the reasons given above the committee think a special appropriation should be granted for the purpose. The committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to grant a special appropriation of $20,000 for providing the school-houses with the Auxiliary Fire Alarm, and for equipping said buildings with fire extinguishers.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895 an additional $5,000 be appropriated for grading the land taken to enlarge the lot of the Bigelow School-house, and for altering the brick building on the land so taken.

Appropriation for grading land taken to enlarge Bigelow School house lot.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, offered the following:

Appropriation for new High School-house, South Boston.

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee, under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following appropriation be made:

High School, South Boston, building, $100,000.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, it was

Estimated cost of grading and preparing the Reservoir lot.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to report to this Board the estimated cost of grading and preparing the Reservoir lot (so called), South Boston, for building purposes.

Annual report of Committee on Supplies.

Mr. Wise, for the Committee on Supplies, presented the annual report of that committee in print. (School Document No. 2, 1896.)

Accepted.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following:

Sessions of school on North Russell street.

Ordered, That the sessions of the school on North Russell street (Wells District) shall be from nine to twelve and from two to five o'clock; and that separate classes of pupils attend morning and afternoon, and that two teachers be employed for such classes.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, offered the following:

Reseating of rooms in Wells School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to reseat the nine rooms in the Wells School-house and provide lid-desks in Miss Durgin's room, and such adjustable desks as may be necessary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Normal School be requested to report on the expediency of so amending the Rules and Regulations as to provide for a higher standard of scholarship for admission to the Boston Normal School.

Standard of scholarship for admission to Normal School.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Manual Training, offered the following:

Ordered, That section 112 of the Rules be amended by inserting after the word "appoint," in the second line, the following: "The instructors of the schools of cookery shall be instructors and assistant instructors."

Rank of instructors in schools of cookery.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Manual Training be authorized to establish classes in cookery in the Evening Schools at the opening of the next school year.

Establishment of classes in cookery in Evening Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Evening Schools.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That leave of absence for two weeks be granted to the Principal of Schools of Cookery, in which to visit the schools of New York and Philadelphia, and that the expense of the same, not to exceed $50, be paid by the city.

Leave of absence to Principal of Schools of Cookery.

The rules were suspended, the necessary number voting therefor, and the order passed.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to report the necessary amendment to section 100 of the Rules to provide that in mixed High Schools of two hundred pupils a junior-master may be appointed, and that an additional junior-master may be

Appointment of junior-master in mixed High Schools.

appointed for every additional one hundred and fifty pupils.

The Chair presented the following:

Petition of Stephen M. Crosby *et als.*; naming of school in honor of Gilbert Stuart.

BOSTON, March 9, 1896.

To the Chairman and Members School Committee, City of Boston:

We, the undersigned, artist citizens of Boston, earnestly petition your honorable body that the name of Gilbert Stuart be given to the next school requiring a name.

Our reasons for the request in brief are as follows: Gilbert Stuart was the painter of Presidents Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Munroe, and Adams, our continental heroes; also the nobility of Europe, including King George III. and Louis XVI. of France. He was for nearly twenty years a resident of Boston, and died at 59 Essex street, Boston, July 10, 1828. He was buried in a tomb through kindness of two or three friends, thus saving his remains from a pauper's grave. Since that date, sixty-six years, no name has marked that spot on Boston Common, nor has this, America's greatest portrait painter, been recognized by the public. We have "Copley" square and "Washington Allston" School; we urge that the School Committee hasten to familiarize the children and citizens of this city with the name of Gilbert Stuart, as much so as they are now familiar with the face of his immortal portrait of George Washington.

STEPHEN M. CROSBY,
President Boston Art Club,
and fifty-seven others.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, it was

Commemorative services in public schools in honor of the late Governor of Massachusetts.

Ordered, That the principals of schools be requested to assemble the pupils of their respective schools for such commemorative services in honor of the late Governor of Massachusetts as may seem to them suitable and proper.

Communication from John M. Perkins, relative to Montgomery's History of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Blanchard, the communication from John M. Perkins, relative to Montgomery's History of the United States, was taken from the files of last year and referred to the Committee on Text-Books.

Mr. Calderwood presented the following petition:

Communication from W. E. Skillings *et als.*; erection of new Primary School-house to take the place of Munroe-street Primary School-house, Roxbury.

BOSTON, Feb. 29, 1896.

To the Honorable Board of School Committee, City of Boston:

The present overcrowded condition of the Primary School-house on Munroe street, Roxbury District, and the necessity for more commodious and convenient quarters, are facts that are so self-evident and apparent that immediate measures for the relief of this school seem to be not only desirable, but imperatively required.

Therefore we, the undersigned citizens of Ward 21, Roxbury District, Boston, respectfully petition your Honorable Board for the erection of a new Primary School-house on said Munroe street, to take the place of the present building, and pray that such action may be taken on our petition as will ensure to this school larger and better constructed apartments and accommodate both the present and the rapidly growing requirements of this district.

W. E. SKILLINGS,
and twenty others.

Referred to the Committee on the Seventh Division.

On motion of Mr. Fowler, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, March 24, 1896.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Davison, Gallivan, Huggan, and Page.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, City Hall, March 23, 1896.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; lot of land for school purposes at West End. [See pp. 10, 11, 22, 23.]

Isaac F. Paul, Esq., *Chairman School Committee:*

Dear Sir: On January 16th last an order was passed by the School Committee requesting the Board of Street Commissioners to take for school purposes eight lots of land, with buildings thereon, on Poplar and Chambers streets, "including five thousand feet from rear of estates fronting on Allen street belonging to persons unknown." This order was signed by me and returned to the School Committee.

When the Street Commissioners made a plan of the land to be taken, it was found by them that a line parallel to Allen street drawn to include 5,000 feet from the rear of estates fronting on Allen street, would not only cut off the yards and out-buildings of these estates, but would also cut off the rear ends of all of the houses, leaving only a distance of about 38 feet between the line of taking and line of Allen street. If the line of taking were so drawn, it would obviously cause such damage to the estates fronting on Allen street that the city would have to pay a large part of their value, while it would not get the benefit of a frontage on Allen street. Having learned from the Chairman of the Committee on Schools and School Houses that it was not the intention of that committee to recommend a line of taking which would involve the above result, I desire to suggest to the School Committee the advisability of rescinding the vote above referred to and passing a new vote providing for the taking of the

whole of the estates numbered 1 to 11 Allen street, and leaving out from the taking Nos. 12 and 14 Poplar street.

I transmit herewith a plan prepared by the Board of Street Commissioners showing the lot as now suggested. This lot contains, according to their figures, 1,916 square feet of land more than the lot covered by the order as passed by the School Committee. I believe that its cost will not very much exceed the cost of taking the land proposed by the School Committee, and that the lot now proposed will be a much better one.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY,

Mayor.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Order requesting Board of Street Commissioners to take land at West End rescinded. [See pp. 10, 11, 22, 23.]

Ordered, That the following order passed by the Board, Jan. 16, 1896, be rescinded:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, eight lots of land with buildings thereon on Poplar and Chambers streets, containing in all about 10,220 square feet; also that a parcel of land containing about 5,000 square feet be taken, by purchase or otherwise, from the rear of estates fronting on Allen street, as shown on a plan dated Dec. 10, 1895, and filed in the office of the City Engineer, and supposed to belong to the following-named persons:

No. 14 Poplar street, about 1,485 square feet, Patrick Smith.

No. 12 Poplar street, about 1,491 square feet, Hawes Atwood.

No. 10 Poplar street, about 1,500 square feet, Reuben Smith.

No. 8 Poplar street, about 700 square feet, Josephine A. Clapp, Sarah E. Stone heirs.

No. 2 Poplar street, about 800 square feet, William Robinson.

Nos. 94 to 98 Chambers street, about 1,070 square feet, James T. Maher.

No. 90 Chambers street, about 1,520 square feet, Georgiana D. Holton and others.

No. 88 Chambers street, about 1,654 square feet, Bridget E. Gaffney.

About 5,000 feet from rear of estates fronting on Allen street belonging to persons unknown.

The whole to include passageway in rear of estates on Poplar and Chambers streets given above, the contents of said passageway not being included in above enumeration of contents of lots.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, twelve lots of land with buildings thereon on Poplar, Chambers, and Allen streets, containing in all about 17,023 square feet; also a passageway in rear of estates on Poplar and Chambers streets; and supposed to belong to the following-named persons:

Board of Street Commissioners requested to take land at West End.

No. 10 Poplar street, about 1,480 square feet, Reuben Smith.

No. 8 Poplar street, about 705 square feet, Josephine A. Clapp, Sarah E. Stone heirs.

No. 2 Poplar street, about 825 square feet, William Robinson.

Nos. 94 to 98 Chambers street, about 983 square feet, James T. Maher.

No. 90 Chambers street, about 1,452 square feet, Georgiana D. Holton and others.

No. 88 Chambers street, about 1,624 square feet, Bridget E. Gaffney.

No. 1 Allen street, about 1,750 square feet, Hugh McLaughlin.

No. 3 Allen street, about 1,609 square feet, William K. Porter.

No. 5 Allen street, about 1,630 square feet, Abraham Kurinsky and Samuel L. Danishewsky.

No. 7 Allen street, about 1,656 square feet, Hannah Walsh.

No. 9 Allen street, about 1,618 square feet, Martha G. Bancroft.

No. 11 Allen street, about 1,693 square feet, Ada Cohen.

Mr. Anderson moved that the vote whereby the order

was declared passed be reconsidered, hoping his motion would not prevail.

The motion to reconsider was lost.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; lot for school purposes at North End. [See pp. 41, 42, 43, 54, 55, 56.]

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY HALL, March 24, 1896.

To the Boston School Committee:

I return herewith without my signature the order passed by your committee on Feb. 11, 1896, requesting the taking of certain lots of land for school purposes on Bennet avenue, Murray place, and Prince street.

Prior to the passage of this order by your committee, it was represented to me by one of your members that the order would be passed in its present form if I authorized him to make the statement that in case the City Council declined to appropriate the money to purchase the proposed playground adjacent to the school-house site designated in this order, I would return the same unsigned, in order that the School Committee might again pass upon the question of the best lot for a school-house at the North End, independent of the proposed purchase of a playground. In accordance with this understanding, I now return the order.

I desire to add that I have been, and still am, ready at any time to sign an order for taking the site above referred to.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY,

Mayor.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Feb. 11, 1896.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, eight lots of land with buildings thereon, on Prince street, Bennet avenue, and Murray place, North End, containing in all 17,154 square feet, more or less, and supposed to belong respectively to the following-named persons:

No. 18 Bennet avenue, about 460 square feet, Thomas McCormick.

Nos. 4 to 12 Bennet avenue, including 51 and 53 Prince street about 4,250 square feet, David Flynn.

No. 4 Murray place, about 800 square feet, David Flynn.

No. 3 Murray place, about 600 square feet, Bridget Canovan heirs.

Nos. 2 Murray place and 57 Prince street, about 650 square feet, David Flynn.

Nos. 59 and 61 Prince street, about 3,579 square feet, Mary and Elizabeth A. Healy.

No. 65 Prince street, including rear, about 5,715 square feet, Catherine E. Downing.

No. 67 Prince street, about 1,100 square feet, John Levenson.

Also Murray place, belonging to person or persons unknown.

The order passed. Yeas 17, nays 4.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

The communication was placed on file.

The vote whereby the order was passed was reconsidered.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, recommended the passage of the order as follows:

Board of Street Commissioners requested to take land at North End for school purposes.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, eight lots of land with buildings thereon, on Prince street, Bennet avenue, and Murray place, North End, containing in all 17,154 square feet, more or less, and supposed to belong respectively to the following-named persons:

No. 18 Bennet avenue, about 460 square feet, Thomas McCormick.

Nos. 4 to 12 Bennet avenue, including 51 and 53 Prince street, about 4,250 square feet, David Flynn.

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No. 3 Murray place, about 600 square feet, Bridget Canovan heirs.

Nos. 2 Murray place and 57 Prince street, about 650 square feet, David Flynn.

Nos. 59 and 61 Prince street, about 3,579 square feet, Mary and Elizabeth A. Healy.

No. 65 Prince street, including rear, about 5,715 square feet, Catherine E. Downing.

No. 67 Prince street, about 1,100 square feet, John Levenson.

Also Murray place, belonging to person or persons unknown.

Mr. Wise moved that the order be assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

Lost.

Yeas and nays.

On motion of Mr. Blanchard, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the order.

The order passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Calderwood, Dunn, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fowler, Hubbard, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Liebmann, Lowell, McDonald, Paul, Strange, Wetmore, and Wise — 19.

Nays: Mr. Blanchard — 1.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Davison, Gallivan, Huggan, and Page.

Mr. Strange moved that the vote whereby the order was declared passed be reconsidered, hoping his motion would not prevail.

The motion to reconsider was lost.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Lyman District. — Eliza F. Russell, first assistant, April 1, 1896.

Shurtleff District. — Roxanna N. Blanchard, third assistant, March 1, 1896.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Edward Everett District. — Susie J. Clough, from March 10, 1896.

Everett District. — Margaret E. Roche, from Feb. 17, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Edith Dennison, fourth assistant, from March 16, 1896. Temporary teacher.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Bennett District.— Fanny M. Joy, second assistant. Confirmation of teachers.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Sarah W. Loker, second assistant.

Wells District. — Annie E. Flanagan, Etta L. Jones, fourth assistants.

Horace Mann School. — Josephine L. Goddard, assistant.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

English High School. — James Mahoney, junior-master, from April 1, 1896, until July 1, 1896; Peter F. Gartland, substitute. James Mahoney.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Sarah W. Loker, second assistant, from March 1, 1896, until July 1, 1896; E. Irving Beal, substitute. Sarah H. Hosmer, third assistant, from March 1, 1896, until July 1, 1896; Catherine M. McGinley, substitute. Sarah W. Loker. Sarah H. Hosmer.

Sherwin District. — Sarah E. Gould, fourth assistant, from March 1, 1896, until May 1, 1896; Mary F. Sullivan, substitute. Sarah E. Gould.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, offered the following:

Approval of plans prepared by A. Warren Gould for Primary School-house on Robinson street, Dorchester.

Ordered, That the plans prepared by A. Warren Gould, architect, for the erection of a Primary School-house on Robinson street, Dorchester, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the said A. Warren Gould is hereby elected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accordance with said plans; and the Committee on School Houses is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect same in accordance with said plans, and to make on behalf of this Board the necessary contracts for such work subject to the approval of the Mayor.

For the information of the Board, the Chair read the following:

Approval of Superintendent of Schools.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, March 24, 1896.

To the Committee on School Houses:

GENTLEMEN: Having examined with care the plans and specifications for the proposed brick school-house on Robinson street, Mather District, prepared by A. Warren Gould, architect, said plans being fourteen in number, I hereby approve said plans and specifications.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

The order passed.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Appropriation for school-house, Robinson street, Dorchester.

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following appropriation be made:

Robinson-street School-house, Field's Corner, Dorchester, $65,000.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 10 — an order relative to reseating rooms in the Wells School-house, reported that the committee have attended to the matter, and no further action by the Board is necessary.

Report of Committee on School Houses; reseating of rooms in Wells School-house. [See p. 100.]

Accepted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 11 — a communication from the City Council, requesting the School Committee to cause an iron fence to be erected in front of the Robert G. Shaw School-house, reported that the original contract for grading this lot includes the furnishing and setting of an iron fence similar to the one indicated in the communication of the City Council. The committee understand the fence is now in position on the lot, and they report that no further action by the Board is necessary.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from City Council; iron fence in front of Robert G. Shaw School-house. [See p. 53.]

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the City Council.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the plans prepared by Walker & Kimball, architects, for the erection of a school building, Roslindale, west of the railroad, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the said Walker & Kimball are hereby elected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accordance with said plans; and the Committee on School Houses is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect same in accordance with said plans; and to make on behalf of this Board the necessary contracts for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

Approval of plans prepared by Walker & Kimball for school-house, Roslindale, west of the railroad.

For the information of the Board, the Chair read the following:

Approval of Superintendent.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, March 24, 1896.

To the Committee on School Houses:

GENTLEMEN: I have examined with care the plans and specifications for a brick school-house of ten rooms and a hall, to be erected on the lot in Roslindale west of the Dedham Branch Railroad, said plans and specifications having been prepared by Walker & Kimball, architects. Both the plans, which are nine in number, and the specifications have my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

The order passed.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Drawing, offered the following:

Extension of term of Evening Drawing Schools.

Ordered, That the term of the Evening Drawing Schools be extended one week, and that the schools close this year on Friday evening, April 3, 1896.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Truant Officers; communication from Superintendent of Schools relative to prosecution of William A. Glines. [See p. 93.]

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Truant Officers, to whom was referred — March 10 — a communication of the Superintendent of Schools, relative to the prosecution of William A. Glines, reported that the following order ought to pass:

Ordered, That George W. Bean, truant officer, be directed to prosecute, in the name of the city of Boston, William A. Glines, living at No. 28 Glendale street, Dorchester, in the said city, for the neglect of the duty prescribed in section 1 of chapter 498 of the Acts of 1894.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School, offered the following:

Appointment of Julia K. Ordway special

Ordered, That Julia K. Ordway be appointed special assistant in the Horace Mann School, at a salary of one

and $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars ($1.50) per day, to date from Jan. 2, 1896.

assistant, Horace Mann School. Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; appointment of junior-master in mixed high schools. [See p. 101.]

Mr. Fowler, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, who were requested — March 10 — to report the necessary amendment to Section 100 of the Rules to provide that in mixed High Schools of two hundred pupils a junior-master may be appointed, and that an additional junior-master may be appointed for every additional one hundred and fifty pupils, reported that in the opinion of this committee it is desirable to change the rules as suggested. The present rules provide for the junior-master in mixed High Schools of two hundred or more, so that the amendment will apply to the additional junior-master for increase in numbers beyond the two hundred pupils. The committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That Section 100 of the Rules, second paragraph, be amended by inserting after the words "may be appointed," in the fourth line, the words "and an additional junior-master may be appointed for every additional one hundred and fifty pupils."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on the Seventh Division; petition of citizens of Ward 21; erection of new Primary School-house to take the place of school-house on Munroe street, Roxbury. [See p. 103.]

Mr. Adams, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, to whom was referred — March 10 — a petition from citizens of Ward 21, asking for the erection of a new Primary School-house on Munroe street, Roxbury, to replace the present school building, reported that they have considered the matter, and in the judgment of this committee a school-house is very much needed, and they recommend the reference of the following order to the Committee on School Houses.

Ordered, That a new Primary School-house be erected in place of the present school building on Munroe street, Roxbury.

Accepted, and the order referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Annual report of Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the annual report of that committee in print. (School Document No. 3, 1896.)

Accepted.

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on the First Division, offered the following:

Grading of lot of Blackinton School-house.

Ordered, That the lot of the Blackinton School-house, Orient Heights, be properly graded and a suitable iron fence provided for said lot.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Death of Eliza M. Cleary.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Manual Training, reported the death of Eliza M. Cleary, late instructor of sewing.

Accepted.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, it was

Board of Street Commissioners requested to lay out Morse street, Dorchester.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners is hereby requested to lay out and order the construction of Morse street, Dorchester, the same being an important approach to the Gibson School.

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to Grace D. Bachelder. [See p. 85.]

Mr. Wise, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Feb. 25 — an order that there be paid to Grace D. Bachelder, instructor in Schools of Cookery, the sum of forty-eight dollars for extra services in the Schools of Cookery, reported that at the time of Miss Bachelder's appointment, through a misunderstanding, the proper credit, under the rule, was not allowed her. To adjust the credit to which she is entitled, it is necessary to pay Miss Bachelder the amount mentioned, and the committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That there be paid to Grace D. Bachelder,

instructor in Schools of Cookery, the sum of forty-eight dollars ($48) for extra services in the Schools of Cookery.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Wise, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the compensation of the stenographer and typewriter whom the Superintendent of Schools was authorized to employ by an order of this Committee passed on Feb. 25, 1896, be fixed at the rate of six hundred dollars ($600) per annum.

Compensation to stenographer and typewriter in Superintendent's office.

The Chair read the following:

To the Members of the School Committee of Boston:

Petition of sub-masters for increase in salary.

We, the sub-masters of the Boston Public Schools, beg your careful consideration of the accompanying schedule of salaries of city employees. While it is by no means complete, it is sufficiently full to illustrate the facts, and it seems to show several things quite clearly.

First, the salaries of all city employees increased from 1862–3 to 1873–4. Second, the salaries of all employees, except the male teachers in the public schools, either remained stationary or increased from 1874 to 1894. Third, the salaries of the male teachers were reduced from 1874 to 1894. In short, during the last twenty years the salaries of the men employed in general by the city have increased, while those of the men who teach have been reduced. This seems to be a discrimination against the teachers. There are other facts that the schedule does not show which make this discrimination even more apparent, and especially so in the case of the sub-masters of Grammar Schools.

The head-masters of High Schools were reduced $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.; junior-masters, 4 per cent.; masters of Grammar Schools, 10 per cent.; and sub-masters, $12\frac{4}{13}$ per cent. Not only has the largest percentage been subtracted from our salaries, but instead of reaching our maximum after one year, as all teachers did in 1874, we begin at $1,500 a year and increase at the small rate of $60 a year, so that for the fourteenth and subsequent years we reach a maximum of $2,280.

Considered in the light of the above facts the percentage of reduction is still more striking. The average salary of a sub-master for fourteen years, or till he has reached his maximum and been in receipt

of it for one year, is $1,890; a reduction of $170, or $27\frac{4}{13}$ per cent. a year for thirteen years. In other words, the salaries of the sub-masters have been reduced about $27\frac{4}{13}$ per cent. a year for thirteen years and $12\frac{4}{13}$ per cent. a year after thirteen years.

This is quite a contrast to the days of 1874, when we were paid $2,200 for the first year, and $2,600 for the second and subsequent years. In this connection, an extract from the report of the School Board of 1874 is interesting:

"Those who are best informed on educational matters do not believe that any of the teachers, male or female, are too liberally compensated. It has been the duty of the Board, as well as its truest policy, to secure the best instructors available, and then to retain their services by paying them fair salaries. . . . Compared with the emoluments of professional and business men, the salaries of the male teachers are not unreasonably large — are only sufficient to protect the city from frequent changes in these positions."

Therefore, in view of the fact that there seems to be no good reason why the salaries of one set of city employees should be reduced while those of the rest are advanced, we petition your Honorable Body, not for ourselves alone, but in behalf of all the public school teachers of Boston, that there may be a return towards the condition that existed in 1874.

Committee:

Alaric Stone,
E. Emmons Grover,
Herbert L. Morse,
Seth Sears,
E. P. Sherburne.

Note. — The above was unanimously adopted at a meeting of the sub-masters, held on Feb. 27, 1896.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mrs. Ames, it was

Naming of school-house in honor of Elizabeth Palmer Peabody. [See pp. 86, 87, 88, 97.]

Ordered, That the order on page 97, Minutes of March 10, 1896, on naming of new school-house in honor of Elizabeth Palmer Peabody, be taken from the table and referred back to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Fowler, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider the advisability of amending Section 177 of the Rules and Regulations by providing that candidates for positions as teachers who have graduated from colleges in good standing need not have graduated from any Normal School or had one year's experience in teaching.

Graduates of colleges of good standing admitted to Supervisors' examinations for teachers.

Subsequently, on motion of Mrs. Keller, the vote whereby the order was declared passed was reconsidered.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the order was amended by substituting the words "Committee on Examinations" for the words "Committee on Rules and Regulations."

The order as amended passed.

Mr. Fowler offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be and they hereby are directed to investigate and inquire into the matter of the teachers in the public schools of Boston expecting their pupils to buy school books, and using same in the schools, which are not upon the list authorized by this Board, and to report the result of their inquiries to this Board.

Use of books in public schools not on authorized list.

Mr. Anderson moved that the order be amended by substituting the words "Committee on Text-Books" for the words "Committee on Rules and Regulations."

Mr. Fowler moved that the order be amended by substituting "special committee of five to be appointed by the Chair" in place of "Committee on Rules and Regulations."

Mr. Fowler's motion was lost.

Mr. Anderson's motion was lost by a vote of 6 to 10.

Mr. Anderson moved that the whole subject be laid on the table.

Lost.

The original order as offered by Mr. Fowler passed.

Extra teacher of ungraded class allowed in Hancock District.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That an extra teacher of an ungraded class be allowed in the Hancock District.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Truant Officers, it was

Prosecution of George Nelson.

Ordered, That John H. Westfall, truant officer, be directed to prosecute, in the name of the city of Boston, George Nelson, living in the Brighton District of said city, for neglect of the duty prescribed by section 1 of chapter 498 of the Acts of 1894.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, April 14, 1896.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Calderwood, Paul, and Wetmore.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by Mr. Willard S. Allen, the senior member of the Board.

Election of President *pro tem.*

The Chair stated that the first business of the Board would be to elect a President *pro tem.* by ballot.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the rules were suspended, and Mr. Dunn was directed to cast one ballot for Mr. George R. Fowler as President *pro tem.*

George R. Fowler elected President *pro tem.*

Mr. Dunn cast one ballot for Mr. George R. Fowler, and he was declared elected President *pro tem.*

The Chair stated that the Secretary was absent on account of illness.

William J. Porter elected Secretary *pro tem.*

On motion of Mr. Dunn, William J. Porter was elected by the Board Secretary *pro tem.*

Secretary *pro tem.* qualified.

The Secretary of the Board *pro tem.* was qualified as Secretary of the Corporation *pro tem.*, the President administering the oath of office.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from City Council; inadequate accommodations for

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 19, 1896.

Ordered, That the School Committee be hereby requested to investigate the inadequate accommodations for scholars in the school

scholars in Chapman District.

buildings of the Chapman School District in East Boston, and to take such steps as are necessary towards putting the said buildings in proper condition.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence. In Board of Aldermen, March 23, 1896, concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Common Council; erection of school-house at Forest Hills.

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN COMMON COUNCIL, April 9, 1896.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to report to the Common Council at its next meeting whether it is their intention to construct a school-house at Forest Hills this year.

Passed in Common Council, April 9, 1896.

A true copy.

Attest: JOSEPH O'KANE,
Clerk of the Common Council.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The following order took its second reading:

Appointment of junior-master in mixed High Schools. [See pp. 101, 115.]

Ordered, That section 100 of the Rules, second paragraph, be amended by inserting after the words "may be appointed," in the fourth line, the words "and an additional junior-master may be appointed for every additional one hundred and fifty pupils."

Passed.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Brimmer District. — Helen L. Bodge, third assistant, March 1, 1896.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Sarah S. Burrell, fourth assistant, March 1, 1896.

Lyman District. — Emma M. Bates, third assistant, April 1, 1896.

Kindergartens.

Tyler-street School. — Caroline M. Burke, assistant, Feb. 3, 1896.

Unity Chapel School. — Frances S. Tufts, assistant, April 1, 1896.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT.

Winthrop District. — Jane M. O'Brien, from April 13, 1896. Special assistant.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Brimmer District. — Elizabeth B. McKeon, third assistant, from March 2, 1896. Temporary teachers.

Gibson District. — Viola M. Allen, third assistant, from April 22, 1896; Mary A. Duston, third assistant, from April 21, 1896.

Harris District. — Anna E. Leahy, third assistant, from April 2, 1896.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Alice G. Russell, fourth assistant, from April 13, 1896.

Lewis District. — Mary H. Burgess, fourth assistant, from April 2, 1896.

Schools of Cookery. — Julia T. Crowley, instructor, from April 2, 1896.

North Bennet-street Kindergarten. — Mary H. Chapman, assistant, from Jan. 2, 1896, to Jan. 14, 1896, inclusive.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Florence C. Gordon, fourth assistant, from April 13, 1896. Election of teachers on probation.

Lowell District. — Edward J. Cox, third assistant, sixth year, from April 16, 1896.

Lyman District. — Jane A. McLellan, first assistant, fifth year; Emma M. Bates, second assistant, sixth year, from April 1, 1896.

Instructor of Sewing. — Esther C. Povah, from March 16, 1896.

Kindergartens.

Tyler-street School. — Caroline M. Burke, principal, third year, from Feb. 3, 1896.

Unity Chapel School. — Susan M. Mayhew, assistant, from April 1, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Charles Sumner District. — Winifred Williams, fourth assistant.

Phillips District. — Josephine F. Joyce, fourth assistant.

Washington Allston District. — Ruby A. Johnson, fourth assistant.

Manual Training Schools. — Edward C. Emerson, assistant instructor.

Kindergartens.

Groton-street School. — Elizabeth Niel, assistant.

Martin School. — Annie J. Eaton, assistant.

River-street School. — Julia E. Hall, assistant.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Annie M. Stickney.

Bennett District. — Annie M. Stickney, third assistant, from April 13, 1896, until July 1, 1896.

Bowditch District. — Emily H. Maxwell, third assistant, from April 1, 1896, until July 1, 1896; Rose E. Keenan, substitute. Emily H. Maxwell.

Chapman District. — Maria D. Kimball, second assistant, from April 1, 1896, until July 1, 1896; Josephine A. Martin, substitute. Sarah F. Tenney, second assistant, from April 1, 1896, until July 1, 1896; Fanny L. Rogers, substitute. Maria D. Kimball. Sarah F. Tenney.

Harris District. — Charlotte A. Powell, third assistant, from April 1, 1896, until July 1, 1896; Annie C. Gallup, substitute. Charlotte A. Powell.

Lowell District. — Ella F. Howland, second assistant, Primary School, from April 20, 1896, until July 1, 1896; Jennie M. Henderson, substitute. Ella F. Howland.

Quincy District. — Hannah G. Gleason, second assistant, from April 1, 1896, until July 1, 1896. Hannah G. Gleason.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, presented the following:

Communication from Superintendent of Schools; appointment of stenographer and typewriter in his office.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, April 14, 1896.

To the Committee on Nominations, MR. THOMAS F. STRANGE, *Chairman:*

GENTLEMEN: I desire to nominate for appointment, through your committee, Miss Annie C. Murphy, to be stenographer and typewriter in my office, said appointment to date from April 1, 1896.

This appointment will be in accordance with the provisions of an order passed by the School Committee at its meeting on Feb. 25, 1896.

Yours very respectfully,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

Approved.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from City Council; sanitary

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — Jan. 16 — a communication from the City Council relative to the sanitary condition of the Phillips School-house, reported that it appears from

condition of Phillips School. [See p. 19.]

a special report made to this committee that certain improvements in the sanitary condition of the Phillips School-house are desirable, and that the estimated expense of said improvements is $1,800. Whenever the City Council find it convenient to grant a special appropriation for improving the sanitary condition of the school-houses of Boston, it will afford the School Board great satisfaction to make needed sanitary improvements in the school buildings of the city.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the City Council.

Report of Committee on School Houses; petition from Eliot School Association; naming of school in honor of Samuel F. Smith. [See p. 83.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 25 — a petition of the Eliot School Association asking that the new school-house, to be erected at the North End, be called the Samuel F. Smith School, in honor of the late Samuel F. Smith, the author of "America," reported that, after very careful consideration, the committee are of the unanimous opinion that this school-house should be named the Paul Revere School. It seems unnecessary for this committee to say anything of the peculiar fitness of giving this name to a school in the North End. The committee desire to express their regret at not being able to grant the wish of the petitioners, but they are convinced that the selection of the committee of a name for this school will meet the approbation of the petitioners and the community at large. The committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the new Primary School-house to be erected at the North End be named the Paul Revere School in honor of the great patriot Paul Revere.

Accepted.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the rules were suspended, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following appropriation be made:

Appropriation for wooden building in yard of Prescott School-house.

Wooden building in the yard of the Prescott School-house, for manual training class . . $1,500

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the following order passed by the Board March 24, 1896, be rescinded:

Order requesting Board of Street Commissioners to take land at West End rescinded. [See pp. 10, 11, 22, 23, 106, 107.]

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, twelve lots of land with buildings thereon on Poplar, Chambers, and Allen streets, containing in all about 17,023 square feet; also a passageway in rear of estates on Poplar and Chambers streets; and supposed to belong to the following-named persons:

No. 10 Poplar street, about 1,480 square feet, Reuben Smith.

No. 8 Poplar street, about 705 square feet, Josephine A. Clapp, Sarah E. Stone heirs.

No. 2 Poplar street, about 825 square feet, William Robinson.

Nos. 94 to 98 Chambers street, about 983 square feet, James T. Maher.

No. 90 Chambers street, about 1,452 square feet, Georgiana D. Holton and others.

No. 88 Chambers street, about 1,624 square feet, Bridget E. Gaffney.

No. 1 Allen street, about 1,750 square feet, Hugh McLaughlin.

No. 3 Allen street, about 1,609 square feet, William K. Porter.

No. 5 Allen street, about 1,630 square feet, Abraham Kurinsky and Samuel L. Danishewsky.

No. 7 Allen street, about 1,656 square feet, Hannah Walsh.

No. 9 Allen street, about 1,618 square feet, Martha G. Bancroft.

No. 11 Allen street, about 1,693 square feet, Ada Cohen.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, fourteen lots of land with buildings thereon on Poplar, Chambers, and Allen streets, containing in

Board of Street Commissioners requested to take land.

all about 12,925 square feet; also a common passageway; and supposed to belong to the following-named persons:

No. 14 Poplar street, about 1,486 square feet, Patrick Smith.

No. 12 Poplar street, about 1,496 square feet, Hawes Atwood.

No. 10 Poplar street, about 1,456 square feet, Reuben Smith.

No. 8 Poplar street, about 656 square feet, Josephine A. Clapp and Sarah E. Stone heirs.

No. 2 Poplar street, about 916 square feet, William Robinson.

Nos. 94 to 98 Chambers street, about 920 square feet, James T. Maher.

No. 90 Chambers street, about 1,431 square feet, Georgiana D. Holton and others.

No. 88 Chambers street, about 1,669 square feet, Bridget E. Gaffney.

No. 1 Allen street, about 300 square feet, Hugh McLaughlin.

No. 3 Allen street, about 502 square feet, William K. Porter.

No. 5 Allen street, about 507 square feet, Abraham Kurinsky and Samuel L. Danishewsky.

No. 7 Allen street, about 515 square feet, Hannah Walsh.

No. 9 Allen street, about 521 square feet, Martha G. Bancroft.

No. 11 Allen street, about 550 square feet, Ada Cohen.

Common passageway, containing about 1,064 square feet.

Mr. Blanchard moved that the order be laid on the

table and assigned for consideration at the next meeting of the Board.

Lost.

The order passed.

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on the First Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Webb School-house, on Porter street, East Boston, be surrendered to the City Council, with the recommendation that the building and land be sold, and that the proceeds of the same be applied to an appropriation for the purchase of a lot of land for a site for a High School-house in East Boston.

Surrender of Webb School-house to City Council.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Allen, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the land recently purchased by the School Committee to enlarge the lot of the Cudworth School-house, East Boston, be graded, and that a suitable iron fence be provided for said lot.

Grading of lot taken to enlarge Cudworth School-house lot.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Allen, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That temporary accommodations be provided for a Primary class in the Chapman District.

Temporary accommodations in Chapman District.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses, with full powers.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, it was

Ordered, That the Water Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to turn over to the School Committee at as early a date as possible the Reservoir Lot in South Boston, in order that the plans may be prepared for the grading of said lot.

Reservoir lot to be surrendered to the School Committee.

Mr. Adams, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following:

Wooden building in yard of Hugh O'Brien School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to erect a two-room wooden building in the yard of the Hugh O'Brien School-house, Roxbury.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Drawing, it was

General exhibit of work of Evening Drawing Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing be allowed to hold a general exhibition of the work of the Evening Drawing Schools at the Boston Art Club-rooms.

Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, offered the following:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations to provide for general exhibition of work of Evening Drawing Schools.

Ordered, That section 352 of the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 352. Substitute for the word "Exhibitions," in the first line, the words "A general exhibition." Strike out the words "dates of the exhibitions," in the fifth line, and substitute in place thereof the words "date of the exhibition."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, offered the following:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations; term of Evening Drawing Schools.

Ordered, That section 346 of the Rules and Regulations be amended by substituting the following for the section:

SECTION 346. There shall be one term of the Evening Drawing Schools, beginning on the third Monday in October, and continuing for sixty-six working nights.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to Ella Whiting. [See p. 85.]

Mr. Huggan, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Feb. 25 — an order that the sum of twenty-five dollars a month from Feb 1, 1896, be given to Miss Ella Whiting, for services as instructor in sewing in the Normal School, reported that the course of study in the Normal School provides that special courses

may be taken by pupils in the Normal School, and at present several pupils are taking the course in sewing. After careful consideration your committee are of the opinion that it will be most economical for the city to assign Miss Whiting as teacher of sewing in the Normal School, paying her the sum specified in the order referred, but in the judgment of this committee the time in which this order shall be in force should be limited to July 1, 1896, when it may be deemed expedient to make some other arrangement.

Your committee recommend the passage of the following order :

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-five dollars ($25) a month from Feb. 1, 1896, to July 1, 1896, be paid to Ella Whiting, for services as instructor in sewing in the Normal School.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Blanchard, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following :

Leave of absence to Helen L. Hilton.

Ordered, That leave of absence from May 1, 1896, to June 30, 1896, be granted to Helen L. Hilton, third assistant in the Winthrop District.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, it was

Establishment of commercial course in central High Schools.

Ordered, That a joint committee, consisting of the Committee on High Schools and the Committee on Examinations, consider and report on the expediency of establishing a commercial course in the central High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Blanchard, the Board adjourned.

Attest :

WILLIAM J. PORTER,

Secretary pro tem.

In School Committee, April 28, 1896.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Calderwood, McDonald, and Wise.

On motion of Mr. Liebmann, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: Report of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Franklin District. — Florence H. Rich, third assistant, May 1, 1896. Resignations of teachers.

Instructor of Music. — J. Munroe Mason, July 1, 1896.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT.

Mather District. — Josephine P. Poole, from April 15, 1896. Special assistant.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Bennett District. — Martha A. Sawyer, third assistant, from May 4, 1896. Temporary teachers.

Prescott District. — Mary E. Moran, third assistant, from April 2, 1896.

Sherwin District. — Sara M. Baker, third assistant, from April 28, 1896.

Thomas N. Hart Kindergarten. — Cora K. Pierce, assistant, from April 13, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Latin School. — Charles H. Atkins, junior-master, sixth year, from May 1, 1896.

Roxbury High School.— Josiah M. Kagan, junior-master, third year, from April 15, 1896.

Franklin District.— Gabrielle Abbott, fourth assistant, from May 1, 1896.

Hugh O'Brien District.— Alice G. Russell, fourth assistant, third year, from April 14, 1896.

Lowell District.— Mary J. Fitzsimmons, third assistant, from April 16, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of a teacher.

Harris District.— Mary F. McMorrow, third assistant.

Accepted, and the teacher confirmed.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of a teacher.

Dwight District.—Isabel H. Wilson, third assistant, to the same position in the Franklin District, to date from May 1, 1896.

Accepted, and the transfer confirmed.

Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Mabel L. Chapman, substitute.

Bennett District.— Mabel L. Chapman, substitute for

Annie M. Stickney, third assistant, granted leave of absence.

Bigelow District.—Elizabeth B. Haskell, third assistant, from April 13, 1896, until July 1, 1896; Elizabeth J. Andrews, substitute. Elizabeth B. Haskell.

Dearborn District.—Mary F. Walsh, third assistant, from April 3, 1896, until July 1, 1896; Abby E. Flagg, substitute. Mary F. Walsh.

Dwight District.—Martha B. Lucas, second assistant, Primary School, from May 1, 1896, until July 1, 1896; Mabel E. Latta, substitute. Martha B. Lucas.

Hugh O'Brien District.—Annie W. Ford, fourth assistant, from April 21, 1896, until July 1, 1896. Annie W. Ford.

Norcross District.—Martha G. Buckley, fourth assistant, from April 13, 1896, until July 1, 1896; Edith K. Hodsdon, substitute. Martha G. Buckley.

Phillips District.—Ruth F. Rowe, third assistant, from Feb. 19, 1896, until April 21, 1896; Helen M. Cleveland, substitute. Ruth F. Rowe.

Thomas N. Hart District.—Bertha Peirce, third assistant, from April 3, 1896, until July 1, 1896; Annie M. Bowers, substitute. Bertha Peirce.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, a lot of land containing about 30,000 square feet, at Forest Hills, Ward 23, belonging to Mary R. Peters, Harold Peters (Mary R. Peters, guardian), and Andrew J. Peters, and bounded as follows: Easterly by Walk Hill street, about 152 feet; northerly by other land of said Peters, about 184 feet; southerly by southerly line of Wachusett street extended about 203 feet; and westerly by a proposed street as shown on ac- Land for school purposes at Forest Hills, Ward 23.

companying plan, about 168 feet; it being understood and agreed that said Peters shall build, grade, and construct the new street as shown on accompanying plan, extending Wachusett street across and on the westerly side of Walk Hill street, and then northerly to Hyde Park avenue.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Appropriation for new school-house at Forest Hills.

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following appropriation be made:

New school-house, Forest Hills, site, $9,000.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Appropriation for furnishing Genesee-street School-house.

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following appropriation be made:

Genesee-street School-house, furnishing, $2,800.

Report of Committee on School Houses; two-room wooden building in yard of Hugh O'Brien School-house. [See p. 130.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 14 — an order that this committee be requested to erect a two-room wooden building in the yard of the Hugh O'Brien School-house, Roxbury, reported that they have considered the matter and are of the opinion that this building should be provided. The committee therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following appropriation be made:

Wooden building in the yard of the Hugh O'Brien School-house, Roxbury, $2,000.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses;

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, reported that out of the $500,000 which the School Committee were

authorized to expend in 1896 for new school-houses, etc., under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following appropriations have been made:

Statement of appropriations made out of the $500,000 granted under chapter 408, Acts of 1895, for the year 1896.

Balance of appropriation allowed under chapter 408 of Acts of 1895, for the year 1895			$300
Amount granted for 1896			$500,000
1896.			
Feb. 25.	Primary School-house, Vernon street .	$50,000	
	Cudworth School, enlargement of lot .	1,500	
	Thetford-street School-house, enlargement of . . .	35,000	
March 24.	Primary School-house, Robinson street .	65,000	
April 14.	Wooden building in yard of Prescott School-house .	1,500	
April 28.	Genesee-street School-house, furnishing .	2,800	
	School site, Forest Hills . . .	9,000	
	Wooden building in yard of Hugh O'Brien School-house . . .	2,000	
			166,800
	Balance of appropriation . .		$333,200

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; temporary accommodations in Chapman District. [See p. 129.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred, with full powers — April 14 — an order that temporary accommodations be provided for a Primary class in the Chapman District, reported that this committee have investigated the matter, and have instructed the Superintendent of Public Buildings to hire a room for school purposes in the Chapman District. The committee report that no further action is necessary at this time.

Accepted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, offered the following:

Use of yards and basements, during summer vacation, granted to Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association.

Ordered, That the use of the yards and basements of school-houses be granted to the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association, during the summer vacation; the use of said yards and basements to be under the direction of the Committee on School Houses, and to be without expense to the city.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on School Houses; surrender of Webb School-house to City Council. [See p. 129.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 14 — an order that the Webb School-house, on Porter street, East Boston, be surrendered to the City Council, with the recommendation that the building and land be sold, and that the proceeds of the same be applied to an appropriation for the purchase of a lot of land for a site for a High School-house in East Boston, reported that this committee have considered the matter. This building was abandoned for school purposes some time ago, and your committee are of the opinion that it should be surrendered to the City Council, and the proceeds of the sale of said property used for the purpose named in the order. They recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Webb School-house, on Porter street, East Boston, be surrendered to the City Council,

with the recommendation that the building and land be sold, and that the proceeds of the same be applied to an appropriation for the purchase of a lot of land for a site for a High School-house in East Boston.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the following-named architects be selected to prepare plans for the new school-houses set against their names:

Architects selected for new school-houses.

James Mulcahy, Vernon-street School-house.

Thomas M. Clark, new Harris School-house.

Peabody & Stearns, new school-house at North End.

John Lyman Faxon, new school-house at West End.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on the Third Division, presented the following report:

Report of Committee on Third Division; teachers of ungraded classes in Third Division to rank as second assistants. [See p. 85.]

The Committee on the Third Division, to whom was referred — Feb. 25 — an order "that the rules and regulations be amended so that the teachers of the ungraded classes in the Third Division shall hereafter rank as second assistants instead of third assistants; the salary of each teacher to be determined at the time of her nomination in the new rank in accordance with the provisions of section 117 of the Rules," have carefully considered this matter. Various representatives of the teachers of the ungraded classes of the Third Division appeared before this committee and presented their case, both orally and in writing, to which your committee gave their careful attention. The teachers of the ungraded classes in the Third Division are doing work of a peculiar nature, calling for a high order of ability, great tact, and a large expenditure of nervous force, and your committee are of the opinion that the work done by these teachers is deserving of at least as much credit as that done by any of the teachers in any of the grades of the city; that if there has been any tendency to keep teachers in these classes because of the skill acquired by experience, and thus to discriminate against them as to opportunities for promotion, it is an injustice to these teachers; and that the masters and supervisors should see that the teachers in these classes have all the opportunities for promotion that their abilities and experience entitle them to.

But in the judgment of this committee, in order to grant the prayer of the petitioners and recommend that these teachers of ungraded classes in the Third Division be ranked as second assistants, it should appear that the work done by these teachers is, *first*, clearly differentiated from the work done by teachers of ungraded classes of other divisions; and, *second*, that the work is harder than that done by other third assistants, thus entitling these teachers to a higher salary.

Your committee are of the opinion that neither of these requisites has been shown. It appears that there are other ungraded classes in some parts of the city where substantially the same class of work is done as in the Third Division, and that there is therefore no justifiable basis for distinguishing the ungraded classes in that division from those in the rest of the city. Nor is it at all clear to your committee that the work done by these teachers is harder or more discouraging than the work done by many teachers in the graded classes. The ungraded classes do not have as many pupils as do the fifth and sixth grades; most of their pupils are docile and anxious to learn. It is far from clear that the teacher of an ungraded class of forty to fifty pupils (the rules state thirty-five) has a position in any respects harder than the teacher of a sixth class of fifty-six pupils, the number required by the regulations, and in many instances this number is exceeded.

No rules can work absolute justice in all instances. The best rule is that which is based upon the best uniformity the situation admits of. If without sufficient reason exceptions are made to the provisions of the rules, hopeless confusion will surely result.

Your committee is, on the whole, of the opinion that the regulation as it now exists is the best uniformity that the situation admits of, and they accordingly report that it is inexpedient to amend the regulations as proposed in the order referred.

Accepted.

Subsequently Mr. Strange moved the passage of the order on page 85 referred to the Committee on Third Division.

The Chair ruled that Mr. Strange's motion was not in order.

Mr. Fowler offered the following:

Ordered, That the teachers of the ungraded classes in the Third Division be made second assistants instead

of third assistants, and their salaries determined at the end of the year, according to the rules.

Mr. Blanchard moved to amend the order by striking out the words "Third Division."

On motion of Mr. Huggan, the order and the amendment were referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That windows be placed in the southern side of the Baldwin School, in Chardon court, the work to be done during the summer vacation.

Placing of windows in southern side of Baldwin Schoolhouse.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board authorize the expenditure of forty dollars for cleaning the Baldwin School, Chardon court, the same to be expended under the supervision of the Division Committee.

Expenditure fro cleaning the Baldwin School.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — Jan. 28 — an order that said committee confer with the Trustees of the Public Library and report the necessary orders to carry out the recommendations of the Board of Supervisors on the subject of coöperation of the Public Library and the Public schools (School Doc. No. 14, 1895), reported as follows:

Report of Committee on Accounts; conference with Trustees of the Public Library relative to coöperation of Public Library with public schools. [See p. 45.]

That the subject was considered at several meetings of this committee, and at a conference with the Librarian of the Public Library, and a sub-committee of the Trustees to whom the matter was referred. At the suggestion of the sub-committee it was decided advisable to try the experiment of sending books from the library to the public schools in one or two schools for a year,

which it is hoped can be carried on within the appropriation granted the library. This temporary arrangement was considered preferable to one more extensive, which would necessitate a request for an additional appropriation, perhaps difficult to secure for a plan which, in the opinion of some, might not prove entirely satisfactory.

Your committee therefore would respectfully report that in their opinion no further action on the subject is needed at the present time.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Kindergartens; establishment of Kindergarten in Lowell Schoolhouse.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order asking that a Kindergarten be established in the Lowell District, reported that the committee have given the matter their attention, and a Kindergarten has been established in the district named. Your committee report that no further action is necessary.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; regulations relating to American flag in public schools. [See p. 70.]

Mr. Fowler, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Feb. 11 — an order requesting this committee to prepare regulations relative to the protection and use of the American flags in the public schools, reported that while sympathizing with the spirit of the order this committee feel that patriotism comes best by inspiration and not legislation; that love of country and of the flag is best promoted in our schools by the enthusiasm of the masters and teachers, and that if the use of the flags were subject to rules and regulations it would tend to make their teaching of its service perfunctory and rob patriotism of that spontaneity which is its most essential element.

The committee therefore recommend that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Mr. Fowler, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That section 101 of the Regulations be amended as follows:

Amendment of Regulations; number of pupils to a teacher in Latin Schools.

SECTION 101. Insert after the word "registered," in the sixth line, the following: "except that in the three upper classes one instructor shall be allowed for every thirty pupils registered."

Passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; term of Evening Drawing Schools. [See p. 130.]

Mr. Fowler, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 14 — an order relative to the term of the Evening Drawing Schools, reported that in the opinion of your committee the regulations should be amended as suggested in the order referred. The committee therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That section 346 of the Rules and Regulations be amended by substituting the following for the section:

SECTION 346. There shall be one term of the Evening Drawing Schools, beginning on the third Monday in October, and continuing for sixty-six working nights.

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; general exhibition of work of Evening Drawing Schools. [See p. 130.]

Mr. Fowler, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 14 — an order that the Regulations be amended so as to provide for a general exhibition of the work of the Evening Drawing Schools, reported that the committee have considered the order referred, and are of the opinion that the regulations should be amended as suggested. They recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That section 352 of the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 352. Substitute for the word "Exhibitions," in the first line, the words "A general exhibition." Strike out the words "dates of the exhibitions," in the fifth line, and substitute in place thereof the words "date of the exhibition."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Mr. Fowler, for the same committee, offered the following:

College graduates who have completed course in pedagogy admitted to Supervisors' examinations.

Ordered, That section 177 of the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 177. Insert after the word "school," in the tenth line, the following: "or is a college graduate who has completed a satisfactory course of study in pedagogy."

Passed to a second reading.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following:

Lightning rods on Mather and Edward Everett School-houses.

Ordered, That the lightning rods on the Mather and Edward Everett School-houses be repaired or wholly removed.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Huggan, for the Committee on Salaries, offered the following:

Amendment of Rules relative to time of presenting schedule of salaries.

Ordered, That section 44 of the Rules be amended by striking out the word "November," in the seventh line, and inserting in place thereof the word "June."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Hubbard offered the following:

Amendment of Regulations relative to corporal punishment.

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended by inserting in the eighth line of section 221, after the word "scholar," the words "shall not be inflicted in the presence of other scholars," and in the twenty-third line of the same section, after the word "grammar," the words "or in the primary."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Liebmann, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Music be requested to consider and report upon the expediency of necessary changes to be made for the purpose of increasing the efficiency of the service and decreasing the expenditures of the department of music.

Increase in efficiency of service in music.

Mr. Blanchard offered the following:

Ordered, That the principals of schools be instructed to hold, on the fourth day of May, 1896, such exercises as may be deemed practicable and appropriate in observance of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Horace Mann.

Exercises in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Horace Mann.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, it was

Ordered, That unless otherwise ordered the use, for base-ball purposes, of the lot of land purchased for the new Dorchester High School-house be granted to the Warren Base Ball Club for the season of 1896.

Use for base-ball purposes of land purchased for new Dorchester High School-house.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training, offered the following:

Ordered, That the School Committee permit the Board of Health to make such examinations in the schools as will give information relative to the proper seating of the pupils.

Board of Health to make examinations in schools relative to proper seating of pupils.

On motion of Mr Wetmore, the order was specially assigned for further consideration to the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following:

Ordered, That leave of absence from Sept. 1, 1896, until Sept. 1, 1897, be granted to Ida M. Curtis, assistant in the Brighton High School, and that Lucy W. Warren be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Ida M. Curtis.

The Chair stated that it would require a suspension of the rules to pass the order.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost, 8 members voting in the affirmative.

The order was recommitted to the Committee on High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, it was

Dates of annual parade of School Regiment and annual prize drills.

Ordered, That the annual parade of the School Regiment take place on Friday, May 15, 1896, and that the annual prize drills take place on May 26, 27, and 28, 1896.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; title of master's assistant in Grammar Schools restored.

Mr. Fowler, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order directing this committee to investigate the propriety of restoring the position of master's assistant, report that they believe the position should be restored, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the title of Master's Assistant in the Grammar Schools be restored, and that a special certificate of qualification be assigned to that rank; and that the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to prepare the necessary amendments.

On motion of Mr. Wetmore, the order was referred to the Committee on Salaries by a vote of 9 to 8, the Chair voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Allen presented the following:

Petition of Grammar School assistants relative to rank and salary.

To the Honorable Board of School Committee of the City of Boston:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: We the undersigned, women teachers in the Grammar and Primary Schools, respectfully request your consideration of the following petition:

1. That all distinctions of rank be removed among said teachers, making them all assistants of like grade and responsibility.

2. That the salaries of these assistants be equalized, making the minimum five hundred and four dollars ($504) and the maximum twelve hundred and twenty-four dollars ($1,224) per year. The number of years necessary to reach the maximum to be twelve. The annual increase to be sixty dollars.

We ask for these changes for the following reasons:

1. We all hold the same grade certificate, showing that your Honorable Body considers us intellectual equals.

2. We are all required to do the same amount of work in the school-room, and in a majority of schools the same amount of outside work in attending to filing, recesses, etc. In those schools where inequalities in outside work exist they can be equalized.

3. Grades have been abolished and salaries equalized for assistants in High Schools and for men assistants in Grammar Schools. We therefore believe the same justice should be accorded the women teachers in Grammar and Primary Schools.

4. Opportunities of advancement are so few that a large number of excellent teachers, after years of service, never get a promotion or receive the salary which their ability and faithfulness merit.

EUDORA E. W. PITCHER,
and six hundred and thirty others.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mrs. Fifield presented the following:

To the Honorable School Committee of the City of Boston:

Petition of Abby C. Bradford *et als.*; tablet to be placed inside the Gibson School-house.

We, the undersigned, members of the Local History Class of the Dorchester Woman's Club, respectfully request that a tablet be placed inside the Gibson School-house, bearing the following inscription:

"In memory of Christopher Gibson, a benefactor of the Schools of Dorchester, 1674."

Signed by ABBY C. BRADFORD,
and one hundred and twenty-seven others.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following:

Enlargement of lot William Wirt Warren School-house.

Ordered, That the lot of the William Wirt Warren School-house be enlarged by the purchase of about 4,158 square feet of land in the rear of the present school site.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, offered the following:

Enlargement of club-house lot, Washington Allston District.

Ordered, That the club-house lot in the Washington Allston District be enlarged by the purchase of about 811 square feet in the rear of the present lot.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School, it was

Vote of thanks to Henry W. Putnam for his gift to Horace Mann School.

Ordered, That the thanks of this Board be tendered to Mr. Henry W. Putnam for his generous gift to the Horace Mann School, in the form of the decorations of the Grammar hall of that school-house.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Orient Heights Association; additional school accommodations at Orient Heights.

THE ORIENT HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION,
ORIENT HEIGHTS, E.B., April 28, 1896.

Board of School Committee, City of Boston:

GENTLEMEN: We desire to call your attention to the need of additional school accommodations in the Orient Heights District, and to ask your early consideration of the Blackinton School and its needs.

We have some weeks since laid the matter in detail before the Chairman of the First Division, and are assured by himself and Mr. Huggan, also of that Division, that they are in thorough accord with the demands made by this Association, and that what we ask for is for the interest and improvement of the school.

The Blackinton School building is, as you are aware, in an uncompleted state; that is, the top story of the building has never been built. It should be put on this summer, thus making four additional rooms and providing probably ample accommodations for the next two or three years. This story can be put on without disturbance or inconvenience to the present rooms at a very small cost, and the time has now come when it should be done. The fall term will see an increased attendance at this school of upwards of one hundred pupils, and as all the rooms are now full, there will be no provision for the increase unless the building is completed during the summer vacation.

Again, the present heating plant is insufficient to properly warm this school building, and this change could be made and the additional heating apparatus provided at one and the same time, and at the least expense possible. We ask that this communication have

your careful thought, and that we may be provided with more ample and better school facilities.

Yours respectfully,

EDWARD H. DOCKHAM,
President.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Committee on Annual School Festival; appointment of.

The Chair announced the following Committee on Annual School Festival:

Mr. George W. Anderson, Chairman; Messrs. Huggan, Dunn, Calderwood, and Gallivan.

Approved.

Teachers of ungraded classes in Third Division.

Mr. Strange asked the Chair for information as to the condition of the order on page 85 of the Minutes relative to teachers of ungraded classes in the Third Division ranking as second assistants, and moved the passage of the order.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, May 12, 1896.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Eaton, Page, and Wetmore.

On motion of Mr. Fowler, the records of the last meeting were amended by inserting after the order relative to exercises commemorative of the anniversary of the birthday of Horace Mann, on page 145, the word "Passed"; and by striking out the last paragraph but one on page 149.

Records amended.

On motion of Mr. Fowler, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed as amended.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council relative to entrance to Genesee-street School-house.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY HALL, May 6, 1896.

To the School Committee:

I transmit herewith, for such action as you consider proper, an order referred to me by the Common Council in regard to the main entrance of the Genesee-street School-house.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY,

Mayor.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, April 30, 1896.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be and is hereby instructed to request the School Committee to inspect the work done on the main entrance of the Genesee-street School-house, and make any recommendations they think best to have a more suitable entrance.

In Common Council, April 30, 1896.
Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

JOSEPH A. CONRY,
President.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from City Council relative to passageway to Hancock School-house from Salem street.

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 19, 1896.

Ordered, That upon the payment of one dollar to the city of Boston by Mark Lewis and Myer Berman, His Honor the Mayor be authorized to quitclaim unto said Lewis and Berman and all persons claiming title under them, all the right, title, and interest of said city in and to the passageway, four feet wide, leading from Salem street to the Hancock School-house lot, conveyed to said city by said Lewis and Berman, by deed dated March 14, 1895, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, March 15, 1895, book 2262, page 394.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence. In Board of Aldermen, April 27, concurred. Approved by the Mayor, April 30, 1896.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from City Council; site for High School building in East Boston.

[DOCUMENT 86 — 1896.]

REPORT

OF

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL HOUSES,

ON

SUBJECT OF A SITE FOR A HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING IN EAST BOSTON.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, April 2, 1896.

The Committee on Schools and School Houses, to whom was referred by the Common Council the order concerning a suitable site for new High School in East Boston, having considered the subject, respectfully submit the following report:

The committee have investigated several sites that would be suitable for a new location for a High School in East Boston, and have selected the following as being the best adapted for the purpose.

The first is fronting on the westerly side of Meridian street, nearly opposite Princeton street, running from No. 274 to 284 inclusive, and including Nos. 241 and 243 Border street; in all, 21,310 square feet of land. The assessed valuation of this lot and the buildings thereon is $27,000.

The second proposed site is also on the westerly side of Meridian street, between Trenton and Lexington streets, including Nos. 316 to 324, and the lot numbered Sec. 3, Block 43, on Border street. It contains 21,160 square feet, and is assessed at $43,200, land and buildings.

The third location is on Monmouth square, taking No. 1 of that square, Nos. 37 to 43 White street, and Nos. 46 to 52 Monmouth street. It contains 17,862 square feet, and is assessed at $31,100.

The fourth site is at the corner of Marion and Princeton streets, including Nos. 55 to 63 Princeton street, Nos. 1 to 5 Hunnewell place, and Nos. 74 to 80 Saratoga street. The number of square feet in this lot is 19,900, and the assessed valuation is $38,500.

All of these proposed sites offer facilities for the erection of a well-located, airy, light, and commodious High School building, and the committee respectfully recommend that a copy of this report be furnished to the School Committee for their consideration.

For the Committee,

JAMES F. HALEY,
Chairman.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, April 2, 1896.

Assigned to the next meeting, and ordered to be printed.

Attest:

JOSEPH O'KANE,
Clerk of the Common Council.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, April 16, 1896.

Accepted. Sent up for concurrence. In Board of Aldermen, April 27, concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from City Council relative to use of a party-wall a part of the wall of the Mechanic Arts High School-house.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, April 16, 1896.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to execute, in behalf of the city of Boston, an instrument satisfactory to the Law Department, releasing, for a nominal consideration, to Michael A. Parsons the right to use as a party wall that part of the wall of the Mechanic Arts High School on Belvidere street, abutting on lot twenty-one (21) on Whitney's plan of lots on Belvidere street, dated May 23, 1888, and recorded in the Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 1837, fol. 412.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence. In Board of Aldermen, April 27, concurred. Approved by the Mayor, April 30, 1896.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from City Council; ventilation of George-street Primary School-house.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, April 16, 1896.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to take the necessary steps to provide a modern system of ventilation in the George-street Primary School-house, and also to have the yard surrounding said school-house repaved and put in proper condition.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence. In Board of Aldermen, April 27, concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; taking of land on Prince street and Bennett avenue for school purposes.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, CITY HALL, May 9, 1896.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

In accordance with the request contained in your order of March 24, 1896, the Board of Street Commissioners have this day taken for school purposes eighteen thousand nine hundred and eighty-six square feet of land upon Prince street and Bennett avenue, and their decree of such taking has been this day recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

Respectfully,
J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, April 27, 1896.

Communication from City Council; provision for ward-rooms in new school building to be erected on Chambers street.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to make suitable provision for a ward-room in the new school building to be erected on Chambers street, Ward 8.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence. April 30, came up concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN COMMON COUNCIL, April 30, 1896.

Communication from City Council; sanitary condition of Cyrus Alger School-house.

The Committee on Schools and School Houses, to whom was referred the order concerning the sanitary condition of the Cyrus Alger School-house, having considered the subject, respectfully recommend reference to the School Committee.

For the Committee,
J. F. HALEY.

Accepted, and referred accordingly. Sent up for concurrence. In Board of Aldermen, May 4, concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

[COPY.]

Ordered, That the Committee on Schools and School Houses examine into the sanitary condition of the Cyrus Alger School-house, on West Seventh street, South Boston, and report the result of their findings as soon as possible to this body.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN COMMON COUNCIL, April 30, 1896.

Communication from Common Council; establishment of post-graduate course in Evening Drawing Schools.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to consider and report to the Common Council on the expediency of establishing a post-graduate course for the benefit of such pupils of the

Evening Drawing Schools as, having completed the regular course of studies in said schools, may desire to pursue their education still further in any special line for which they have developed an aptitude.

Passed in Common Council, April 30, 1896.

A true copy.

Attest: JOSEPH O'KANE,
Clerk of the Common Council.

Referred to the Committee on Drawing.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Common Council; condition and safety of Cudworth School-house.

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN COMMON COUNCIL, April 30, 1896.

Ordered, That the School Committee be hereby requested to render a report to this body at its earliest convenience as to the present condition and safety of the Cudworth School in East Boston.

Passed in Common Council, April 30, 1896.

A true copy.

Attest: JOSEPH O'KANE,
Clerk of the Common Council.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The following order took its second reading:

Amendment of Regulations; number of pupils to a teacher in Latin School. [See p. 143.]

Ordered, That section 101 of the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 101. Insert after the word "registered," in the sixth line, the following: "except that in the three upper classes one instructor shall be allowed for every thirty pupils registered."

Passed.

The following order took its second reading:

Amendment of Regulations; college graduates who have completed course in pedagogy admitted to Supervisors' examination. [See p. 144.]

Ordered, That section 177 of the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 177. Insert after the word "school," in the tenth line, the following: "or is a college graduate who has completed a satisfactory course of study in pedagogy."

Passed.

The following order took its second reading:

Ordered, That section 352 of the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

Amendment of Regulations; general exhibition of work of Evening Drawing Schools. [See pp. 130, 143, 144.]

SECTION 352. Substitute for the word "Exhibitions," in the first line, the words "A general exhibition." Strike out the words "dates of the exhibitions," in the fifth line, and substitute in place thereof the words "date of the exhibition."

Passed.

The following order took its second reading:

Ordered, That section 346 of the Rules and Regulations be amended by substituting the following for the section:

Amendment of Regulations; term of Evening Drawing Schools. [See pp. 130, 143.]

SECTION 346. There shall be one term of the Evening Drawing Schools, beginning on the third Monday in October, and continuing for sixty-six working nights.

Passed.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following:

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Roxbury High School. — Josiah M. Kagan, assistant, April 15, 1896.

Dillaway District. — Ella F. Little, third assistant, May 1, 1896.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Quincy District. — Annie G. Scollard, from April 30, 1896.

Winthrop District. — Elizabeth G. Crotty, from May 4, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Bunker Hill District. — Margaret A. Mernin, fourth assistant, from May 11, 1896.

Chapman District. — Mary E. Sheridan, fourth assistant, from April 27, 1896.

Dillaway District. — Emma E. Long, third assistant, from May 1, 1896.

Lyman District. — Evelyn E. Kelley, fourth assistant, from April 29, 1896.

Prescott District. — Katharine C. Coveney, fourth assistant, from April 2, 1896.

Tileston District. — Florence M. DeMerritt, fourth assistant, from April 27, 1896, to May 12, 1896, inclusive.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Dearborn District. — Florence M. DeMerritt, fourth assistant, sixth year, from May 13, 1896.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Frothingham District. — Frances M. Lamson, second assistant, Primary School.

Prescott District. — Mary E. Franklin, second assistant, Primary School.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Mary C. Hall.

Chapman District. — Mary C. Hall, fourth assistant, from April 13, 1896, until July 1, 1896; Alice B. Hennessey, substitute.

Dearborn District. — Ellen M. Oliver, fourth assistant, from April 27, 1896, until June 19, 1896; Charlotte M. Frost, substitute. Ellen M. Oliver.

Lyman District. — Fidelia D. Merrick, fourth assistant, from April 1, 1896, until July 1, 1896; Cora F. Murphy, substitute. Fidelia D. Merrick.

Minot District. — Gertrude P. Davis, first assistant, from April 13, 1896, until July 1, 1896. Gertrude P. Davis.

Prince District. — Mary L. Fynes, third assistant, from Sept. 1, 1896, until Jan. 1, 1897. Mary L. Fynes.

Quincy District. — Blanche F. Harrington, substitute for Hannah G. Gleason, second assistant, Primary School, granted leave of absence. Blanche F. Harrington, substitute.

Winthrop District. — Jane M. O'Brien, substitute for Helen L. Hilton, third assistant, granted leave of absence. Jane M. O'Brien, substitute.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — April 28 — an order that the lot of the William Wirt Warren School-house be enlarged by the purchase of land in the rear of the present school site, reported that in their judgment the lot should be enlarged, and they recommend the passage of the following order: Report of Committee on School Houses; enlargement of lot of William Wirt Warren School-house. [See p. 147.]

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for the enlargement of the lot of the William Wirt Warren School-house, Waverly street, Brighton, a parcel of land adjoining the rear of the present school lot, containing about 8,841 square feet, more or less, and belonging to Roderick Richardson heirs or devisees.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Huggan, for the Committee on Music, presented the following report:

Report of Committee on Music; appointment of Director of Music.

The Board of Supervisors was requested to examine and report to this committee on the general interests of music in the schools, including course of study, systematic pursuit of the same, and supervision (Oct. 31, 1891).

To this request the Board of Supervisors responded by stating their opinion that the general interests of music in the schools require that the subject should be in charge of one responsible head, with such assistance as may be needed; and that the course of study and the general methods of instruction should be outlined by this director, subject to the approval of the Board of Supervisors (Dec. 12, 1895).

Certain recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools in relation to the appointment of a Director of Music (School Doc. No. 4, 1895, pp. 46, 47) have also been taken into consideration by this committee, in obedience to an order of the School Board, passed Dec. 24, 1895. Your committee believe the views of the Board of Supervisors as above set forth to be well founded; and that the time has come for a reorganization of the music department. As a first and necessary step in such reorganization, it is proposed to create the office of Director of Music, and to make all special instructors and assistant special instructors henceforth assistants to the Director of Music. Accordingly the following orders are offered, the first and second to amend the Rules and Regulations, and the third to promote action on the matter of salaries for the Director of Music and his assistants:

1. *Ordered*, That section 83 of the Rules and Regulations be amended by inserting in the tenth line, after the words "Director of Drawing," the words "Director of Music."

2. *Ordered*, That section 113 of the Rules and Regulations be amended by striking from the second line the words "special instructors of music," and inserting in place thereof the words "Director of Music and assistants."

3. *Ordered*, That the Committee on Salaries be requested to report a suitable salary for the Director of Music and for each assistant to the Director.

The report was accepted.

Orders 1 and 2 were referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Huggan, Order 3 was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Ordered, That the salary due Eliza M. Cleary, deceased, late instructor of sewing, be paid to her daughter, Emma M. Cleary.

Salary due Eliza M. Cleary.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, to whom was recommitted — April 28 — an order relative to leave of absence to Ida M. Curtis, reported that in the opinion of the committee the following order ought to pass:

Report of Committee on High Schools; leave of absence to Ida M. Curtis. [See p. 145.]

Ordered, That leave of absence from Sept. 1, 1896, until Sept. 1, 1897, be granted to Ida M. Curtis, assistant in the Brighton High School, and that Lucy W. Warren be approved as her substitute.

Accepted.

The Chair ruled it would require a suspension of the rules to pass the order.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost, the necessary number not voting therefor.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following:

Ordered, That the new school-house on Harvest street, Edward Everett District, be named the Roger Clap School.

Naming of new school-house on Harvest street the Roger Clap School.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Manual Training, it was

Ordered, That the course of study in wood-working be referred to the Board of Supervisors, and that they be requested to report before June 9th what changes, if any, are desirable.

Course of study in wood-working.

Mr. McDonald presented the following:

MAY 12, 1896.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The undersigned truant-officers, appointed by your Honorable Board, respectfully petition that their salary may be increased, for the following reasons, viz.:

Petition of truant-officers for increase in salary.

The salary of the members of the force is now as it has been for the past thirty years; the work has been increased owing to the rapid growth numerically of pupils and schools; by the details of work now required by the rules governing the force, and the decrease in the number of officers from that of past years. We request that we may be placed nearer on an equality in respect to salary with officials employed in somewhat similar grades of service; for instance, probation officers of courts, health inspectors, visiting agents of the Overseers of the Poor. We are forbidden by section 386 of the Rules and Regulations to engage in any work outside of our regular duties for pay, while in other grades of service opportunities are often afforded for extra work outside of official duties.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE MURPHY,
and sixteen truant-officers.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Petitions were presented by Mr. Gallivan, Mrs. Ames, and Mr. Strange, signed in the aggregate by seven hundred and fifty-nine citizens of Boston. The petitions read as follows:

Petition from citizens of Boston relative to salary of women teachers of Boston.

To the Honorable School Committee of the City of Boston:

We, the undersigned, citizens of the city of Boston, desire to express our sympathy with the women teachers of the city in their petition for an increase of salary.

We respectfully represent that in our judgment the salaries of the women bear no true proportion to the value of the services rendered and to the expense now required in preparation for the profession; moreover, that the salaries are insufficient to furnish a suitable support, and that provision for old age to which every faithful public servant is entitled. The public schools are confessedly the safeguards of the community against vice and ignorance. It is therefore a short-sighted policy to neglect to give salaries sufficient to secure the best teachers, and to keep them up to the highest point of efficiency.

We therefore pray your Honorable Body to make such changes in the salaries as shall tend to equalize the pay of the male and female teachers, and that the first increase be made in the salaries of those women whose maximum is seven hundred and forty-four dollars.

The petitions were referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on the Annual School Festival, it was

Ordered, That the annual school festival be held on Saturday, June 27, 1896.

Date of annual school festival.

Mr. Anderson offered the following:

Ordered, That an addition be built during the summer vacation upon the Wells School-house, such as will provide a master's office and other needed facilities.

Addition upon Wells School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Anderson offered the following:

Ordered, That in the Paul Revere School building, and in the new school building in the Wells District, there be provided facilities for bathing.

Facilities for bathing in Paul Revere School-house.

The Chair ruled that it would require a suspension of the rules to pass the order.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the yeas and nays were ordered on the motion to suspend the rules.

The motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Calderwood, Hubbard, Liebmann, and Lowell — 6.

Yeas and nays.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Blanchard, Davison, Dunn, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fowler, Gallivan, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, Paul, Strange, and Wise — 15.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Eaton, Page, and Wetmore.

The order was referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Allen offered the following:

Ordered, That section 177 of the Rules and Regulations be amended by inserting in the twelfth line thereof, after the words "Class A," the words "and Grammar School, Class A."

Amendment of Rules and Regulations; candidates for certificate Grammar School, Class A, to be graduates of college.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Blanchard, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Lot of land for new Grammar School house in Prince District.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to consider the advisability of securing a lot of land for a new Grammar School building in the Prince District on the Back Bay.

Mr. Calderwood offered the following:

Physical training in public schools.

Whereas, There is unquestionably a marked increase in the neurotic tendencies of our school children as manifested by an increase of stammering, St. Vitus's dance, disturbances of gait, and various other evidences of nervous instability; and

Whereas, In the opinion of physicians in general and nerve specialists in particular, systematic muscular training is a most potent means of counteracting this growing evil; therefore be it

Ordered, That a more thorough course of physical training be incorporated into the school course, and that the present curriculum be so modified as to admit of more time being devoted to this most important branch of education.

Referred to the Joint Committee on Examinations and Hygiene and Physical Training.

Mr. Calderwood offered the following:

Suspension of sessions of public schools on afternoon of May 20.

Ordered, That there be no sessions of the Grammar and Primary Schools on the afternoon of May 20, 1896, the seventy-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the English High School.

The Chair ruled that it would require a suspension of the rules to pass the order.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost, 3 members voting in the affirmative.

Special assignment; Board of Health to make

On motion of Mr. Liebmann, the special assignment, being an order "that the School Committee permit the

Board of Health to make such examinations in the schools as will give information relative to the proper seating of the pupils" (see page 145), was taken up.

examinations in schools relative to proper seating of pupils. [See p. 145.]

Mr. Lowell moved to amend the order by substituting for the words "Board of Health" the words "the commission appointed by this Board to report upon the question of seating of pupils in the public schools."

Mr. Strange raised the point of order whether the authority of a committee ended with the term of the Board who appointed it.

The Chair ruled that the committee so appointed could report to the present Board.

Mr. Gallivan moved to recommit the order to the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Yeas and nays.

Mr. Gallivan's motion to recommit was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Allen, Blanchard, Davison, Dunn, Fowler, Gallivan, McDonald, Paul, Strange, and Wise — 10.

Nays: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Calderwood, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Liebmann and Lowell — 10.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Adams, Eaton, Page, and Wetmore.

Mr. Fowler moved that the whole subject be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Yeas and nays.

Mr. Fowler's motion to indefinitely postpone was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Allen, Blanchard, Davison, Dunn, Fowler, Gallivan, Huggan, McDonald, Paul, and Strange — 10.

Nays: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Calderwood, Mrs. Fifield, Mr. Hubbard, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Liebmann, Lowell, and Wise — 10.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Adams, Eaton, Page, and Wetmore.

Mr. Fowler moved that the subject be specially assigned for consideration at eight o'clock of the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. Fowler's motion to specially assign was lost by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Allen, Blanchard, Davison, Dunn, Fowler, Gallivan, McDonald, Paul, Strange, and Wise — 10.

Nays: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Calderwood, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Liebmann and Lowell — 10.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Adams, Eaton, Page, and Wetmore.

Mr. Fowler moved that the Board adjourn.

Passed by a vote of 10 to 9.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, May 26, 1896.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Page, Strange, and Wetmore.

The Chair stated that the Secretary was absent on account of illness.

On motion of Mr. Fowler, the rules were suspended, and Mr. Dunn was directed to cast one ballot for William J. Porter as Secretary *pro tem.*

Mr. Dunn cast one ballot for William J. Porter, and he was declared elected Secretary *pro tem.*

William J. Porter elected Secretary *pro tem.*

The Secretary of the Board *pro tem.* was qualified as Secretary of the Corporation *pro tem.*, the President administering the oath of office.

Secretary *pro tem.* qualified.

On motion of Mr. Blanchard, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY HALL, May 15, 1896.

To the School Committee:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication from the Water Commissioner in regard to your order requesting him to turn the reservoir lot in South Boston over to your Board at as early a date as possible, in which he says that if no extraordinary emergency arises the lot will be ready for delivery by July 1st, or by August 1st, at the latest.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY,

Mayor.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Water Commissioner relative to reservoir lot, South Boston. [See p. 129.]

City of Boston.
In School Committee, April 14, 1896.

Ordered, That the Water Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to turn over to the School Committee at as early a date as possible the reservoir lot in South Boston, in order that the plans may be prepared for the grading of said lot.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest: WILLIAM J. PORTER,
Secretary pro tem.

Mayor's Office, April 17, 1896.

Respectfully referred to the Water Commissioner, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for report.

THOMAS A. MULLEN,
Secretary.

Office of the Water Commissioner,
City Hall, Boston, May 14, 1896.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, *Mayor:*

Dear Sir: In response to the order of the School Committee, requesting me, through His Honor the Mayor, to turn over to the School Committee, at the earliest date possible, the reservoir lot in South Boston, I would report as follows:

If no extraordinary emergency arises, the lot will be ready for delivery about July 1, — possibly August 1, at the latest.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN R. MURPHY,
Water Commissioner.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; land for school purposes at West End. [See pp. 10, 11, 22, 23, 106, 107, 127, 128, 129.]

City of Boston.
Street Commissioners' Office,
City Hall, May 22, 1896.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

In accordance with the request contained in your order of April 14, 1896, the Board of Street Commissioners have this day taken for school purposes land on Chambers and Poplar streets and in the rear of Allen street, and their decree of such taking has been this day recorded in the registry of deeds.

Respectfully,
J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Kindergartens.

Resignations of instructors.

Centre-Street School. — Ida E. McElwain, assistant, April 13, 1896.

Cudworth School. — Grace S. Mansfield, assistant, April 13, 1896.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Dearborn District. — Ida P. Mayers, from April 29, 1896.

Robert G. Shaw Kindergarten. — Alice Howe, from May 7, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Adams District. — Emma B. Huse, second assistant, Primary School, from May 12, 1896.

Gibson District. — Mary A. Cussen, fourth assistant, from May 11, 1896.

Hancock District. — Mary F. Murphy, fourth assistant, from April 14, 1896.

Tileston District. — Charlotte C. Meadows, fourth assistant, from May 13, 1896, to May 15, 1896, inclusive. Alice M. Ryan, fourth assistant, from May 18, 1896.

Schools of Cookery. — Margaret W. Howard, instructor, from May 12, 1896.

Kindergartens.

Allston School. — Anna Stetson, assistant, from March 4, 1896.

North Bennet-street School. — Mary H. Chapman, assistant, from Jan. 14, 1896, to Feb. 11, 1896, inclusive.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Dwight District. — Jennie M. Henderson, fourth assistant, from May 14, 1896.

Tileston District. — Clara A. Emerton, third assistant, sixth year, from May 18, 1896.

Kindergartens.

Centre-street School. — Ida E. McElwain, principal, second year, from April 13, 1896.

Cudworth School. — Grace S. Mansfield, principal, from April 13, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Ida M. Curtis.

Brighton High School. — Ida M. Curtis, assistant, from Sept. 2, 1896, until Jan. 1, 1897; Lucy W. Warren, substitute.

Mabel West.

Bowdoin District. — Mabel West, fourth assistant, from April 1, 1896, until July 1, 1896; Catherine M. Dolan, substitute.

Anna G. Fillebrown.

Hyde District. — Anna G. Fillebrown, second assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 2, 1896, until Jan. 1, 1897.

Emma S. Gulliver, substitute.

Minot District. — Emma S. Gulliver, substitute for Gertrude P. Davis, first assistant, granted leave of absence.

Thomas N. Hart District. — L. Idalia Provan, third assistant, from April 13, 1896, until July 1, 1896.

L. Idalia Provan.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — May 12 — a communication from the City Council asking that the School Committee provide a ward-room in the new school building to be erected on Chambers street, Ward 8, reported that the matter has received the careful consideration of this committee. Your committee recommend that the City Council be respectfully informed that in the judgment of the School Committee it is very undesirable to place ward-rooms in the new school-houses.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from City Council, provision for ward-rooms in new school building to be erected on Chambers street. [See p. 155.]

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the City Council.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 12 — an order that this committee be requested to consider the advisability of securing a lot of land for a new Grammar School building in the Prince District in the Back Bay, reported that it is inexpedient to purchase such land at the present time.

Report of Committee on School Houses; lot of land for new Grammar School-house in Prince District. [See p. 164.]

Accepted.

Mr. Fowler, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — April 28 — an order that the rules be amended so as to provide for a change in the time of reporting the salaries of teachers, reported that in accordance with the decision of the Corporation Counsel it will be necessary that the Committee on Salaries make its report in June instead of November as heretofore. The committee recommend the passage of the following order, which embodies the necessary amendments:

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendment of rules relative to time of presenting schedule of salaries. [See p. 144.]

Ordered, That the rules be amended as follows:

SECTION 44. Strike out, in the seventh line, the words, "at the first meeting in November," and substitute in place thereof the words, "in the month of June,"

so that the latter part of the section will read, "In the month of June of each year, they (the Committee on Salaries) shall report to the Board in print a full schedule of salaries of the instructors, as herein provided, for the ensuing year."

SECTION 116. In the first line substitute the word "June" for the word "November," and the word "September" for the word "January," in the fourth line, so that the section will read as amended as follows: "Annually in the month of June, the Board shall fix the salaries of the instructors of the public schools for the year beginning the first of the following September; and the salaries established at the beginning of the year shall not be increased during that year."

SECTION 123. Substitute, in the last line, the word "June" for the word "November," so that the section will read as follows: "The salaries of directors and instructors of special subjects and of all teachers in special schools, unless otherwise provided for, shall be fixed by the Board annually in the month of June."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Wise, the order was taken from the table, the rules were suspended, the order was read a second time, and passed.

Mr. Fowler, for the same committee, offered the following:

Amendment of rules; appointment of junior-masters in mixed High Schools.

Ordered, That section 100 of the rules be amended as follows: Strike out, in the third line of the second paragraph, the words "two hundred pupils," and substitute in place thereof the words "one hundred and fifty pupils," so that that part of the section affected by this change will read as follows: "In mixed High Schools of one hundred and fifty pupils or more a junior-

master may be appointed, and an additional junior-master may be appointed for every additional one hundred and fifty pupils."

Passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; appointment of Director of Music. [See p. 160.]

Mr. Fowler, for the same committee, to whom were referred — May 12 — orders proposing that the regulations be amended to provide for the establishment of the office of Director of Music, reported that in the judgment of this committee this matter should be considered at greater length by the Committee on Music, and they therefore recommend that the orders referred to this committee be recommitted to the Committee on Music.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Fowler, for the same committee, offered the following:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations; use of school-houses for other purposes than school work.

Ordered, That section 43 of the Rules and Regulations be amended by striking out, in the third line of the fourth paragraph, the words "in charge," and substituting in place thereof the words "on School Houses," so that the paragraph as amended will read as follows: "No school building or part of a school building shall be used for other purposes than the regular work of the schools, unless the consent of the Committee on School Houses shall have been first obtained. The committee may submit to the Board for approval any request for the use of a school building which, in the judgment of the committee, should be acted upon by the Board."

Passed to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Blanchard, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Use of Tyler-street School-house for vacation school.

Ordered, That the use of Tyler-street Primary School building be given to the Denison House Association from July 6 to Aug. 14, 1896, for the purpose of

maintaining a vacation school, the same to be conducted without expense to the city.

Death of Hannah G. Gleason.

Mr. Blanchard, for the same committee, reported the death of Hannah G. Gleason, late second assistant, Primary School, in the Quincy District.

Accepted.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following:

Amendment of rules; instruction in military drill.

Ordered, That section 283 of the rules be amended by inserting after the word "more," in the fourth line, the words "except that in the Latin School the instruction shall be confined to the second, third, fourth, and out of course classes."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, it was

Fitting of room in Dorchester High School for a physical laboratory.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to fit up a room in the Dorchester High School for a physical laboratory.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, it was

Employment of laboratory assistant for English High School.

Ordered, That the head-master of the English High School be authorized to employ a laboratory assistant for classes in chemistry and physics, to date from Sept. 2, 1896, at a salary not to exceed five hundred dollars ($500) per annum.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, it was

Calisthenic apparatus for Roxbury High School.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to furnish the Roxbury High School with calisthenic apparatus, at a cost not to exceed seven hundred dollars ($700).

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to furnish the West Roxbury High School with calisthenic apparatus, at a cost not to exceed one hundred and twenty-five dollars ($125).

Calisthenic apparatus for West Roxbury High School.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to furnish the gymnasium in the Central High and Latin Schools.

Furnishing of gymnasium for Central High and Latin Schools.

Mr. Allen presented a petition signed by fifty-three citizens of East Boston, praying that the School Committee make such changes in the salaries as shall tend to equalize the pay of the male and female teachers, and that the first increase be made in the salaries of those women whose maximum is seven hundred and forty-four dollars.

Petition of citizens for increase in salaries of women teachers.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on the First Division, reported the death of Anna E. Reed, late second assistant, Primary School, in the Adams District.

Death of Anna E. Reed.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, the order "that the School Committee permit the Board of Health to make such examinations in the schools as will give information relative to the proper seating of the pupils" (see page 145), and Mr. Lowell's motion to amend the order by substituting for the words "Board of Health" the words "the commission appointed by this Board to report upon the question of seating of pupils in the public schools" (see page 165) were taken from the table.

Board of Health to make examinations in schools relative to proper seating of pupils.

Pending the question on the passage of Mr. Lowell's motion to amend, Mr. Liebmann offered the following, and moved that it be substituted for Mr. Lowell's amendment:

Ordered, That in order to facilitate the necessary scientific investigations of the commission appointed to report on the seating in public schools, said commission be and is hereby granted permission to examine the physical condition of pupils as bearing upon the question of seating, provided that only persons qualified by special training be intrusted with such examinations.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the whole matter was recommitted to the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Office of Clerk of Committees created.

Ordered, That the position of Clerk of Committees of this Board be and hereby is created.

Mr. Huggan offered the following:

Salary of Clerk of Committees.

Ordered, That the salary of the Clerk of Committees of this Board be fixed at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500) per annum.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Fowler, it was

Duties of Clerk of Committees.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to define the duties of the Clerk of Committees, and report any needed changes in the rules therefor.

On motion of Mr. Huggan, for the Committee on Salaries, it was

Salary of stenographic clerk in office of Secretary.

Ordered, That the salary of the stenographic clerk in the office of the Secretary be fixed at the rate of nine hundred dollars ($900) per annum, to date from May 1, 1896, until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Huggan, for the same committee, it was

Salary of assistant in office of Superintendent.

Ordered, That the salary of Elizabeth B. Tivnin, assistant in the office of the Superintendent, be fixed at

the rate of nine hundred dollars ($900) per annum, to date from May 1, 1896, until otherwise ordered.

Mr. Huggan presented the following:

Petition of training teachers for compensation.

MAY 8, 1896.

We, the undersigned, training teachers now in service, having striven this year as well as in the past to do our full duty by the pupils of the Normal School sent to us for observation and practice, and feeling that our extra service deserves recognition, hereby unite in asking the School Committee to consider our case and to grant us a suitable compensation.

Signed by ALICE L. WILLIAMS,
and fifty-nine others.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Anderson offered the following:

Committee on Normal School to report.

Ordered, That the Committee on Normal School be requested to report at once on the order referred to it on March 10, 1896, found on page 101 of the Minutes, and otherwise to comply with section 59 of the Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Fowler moved that the order be referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Lost.

The order passed.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, it was

Admission of pupils to Normal School, who shall be permitted to take less than two years' course.

Ordered, That the Committee on Examinations be requested to inquire into and report upon the expediency of admitting to the Boston Normal School pupils who, without taking the whole course in that school, may be permitted to prepare themselves for teaching special subjects or in particular departments in less than the two years' time required for the whole course.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Manual Training, it was

Repairs and improvements in Mechanic Arts High School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to provide additional heating-apparatus for the forge-shop of the Mechanic Arts High School; to sheathe and paint the ceilings of seven rooms and the adjacent halls; to replace the wall about the fan-room by a suitable partition; and to make such other repairs as may be found necessary.

Mrs. Fifield presented the following:

Communication from New England Women's Club, naming of Grammar School-house in honor of Elizabeth Palmer Peabody.

BOSTON, MASS., May 8, 1896.

To the School Committee of Boston:

GENTLEMEN: We learn from the public papers that, in accordance with the desire of the New England Women's Club, you propose to name a school-house in honor of the late Elizabeth Palmer Peabody, and that you have selected a Primary School-house for this honor.

We beg leave respectfully to suggest that this choice is not according to our expressed desire, as we wished especially to commemorate her work for the higher education of women, as another association has taken in charge the perpetuation of her kindergarten work, which was truly her pervading interest in later years, but does not represent the whole scope of her educational service to Boston.

We would, therefore, ask you, in preference to the proposed plan, to name by this beloved name the new Grammar School to be soon erected in the West End of the city, with which her life is more closely associated than with the beautiful suburb of Roslindale.

Thanking you for your prompt attention to our wishes, we remain, for the New England Women's Club,

Yours respectfully,

JULIA WARD HOWE,
President New England's Women's Club.
LUCIA M. PEABODY,
Secretary New England Women's Club.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training, it was

Commission appointed to report on proper seating of pupils,

Ordered, That the School Committee permit the commission appointed by this Board to report upon the question of seating of pupils in the public schools to

make such examinations in the schools as will give information relative to the proper seating of the pupils.

allowed to make examinations in public schools.

Mr. Fowler offered the following:

Ordered, That the public schools of Boston open in September, 1896, after the long vacation, on Tuesday, the eighth day of September.

Date of opening of schools in September, 1896.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

The Chair read the following:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, City Hall, May 26, 1896.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; appropriation for improvements in school buildings.

To the School Committee: I am glad to be able to inform you that an order has now been passed by both branches of the City Council, appropriating the sum of $75,000, out of any unappropriated moneys in the treasury, for the Public Buildings Department, School Expenses, to be expended "in making improvements in school buildings to secure better sanitation and ventilation therein, and better means of escape in case of fire, said sum to be expended on such school buildings as may from time to time be designated by the School Committee, and in accordance with plans prepared by the Superintendent of Public Buildings and approved by the School Committee."

The appropriation of this amount was recommended by me in view of the possibility of passing it by a majority vote, and thus avoiding further delay in the passage of the $300,000 loan order. I do not consider that the appropriation of $75,000 in any way meets the necessities of the case, or supersedes the necessity of the passage of the loan order appropriating $300,000; but it makes it possible to take immediate steps for remedying some of the worst deficiencies in our school-houses. It will be possible, in my opinion, within the appropriation now made, to provide for putting fire-escapes, and other means of egress in case of fire, in proper condition, substantially as recommended in the report of the Expert Committee on Sanitation and Ventilation of School-houses, appointed by me, printed as document 98 of the present year, and in order that one branch of work may be taken up and completed at one time, I believe that this should be at once entered upon and carried to completion. I believe that the balance of such sum should be applied toward making the changes in sanitary arrangements which are most urgently needed, leaving the improvements in ventilation to be taken up when a larger sum of money is provided.

In accordance with the terms of the appropriation order, plans and specifications covering these two branches of work in some school-houses contained in the list of those which have been already designated by your committee, will be sent to your committee by the Superintendent of Public Buildings in a few days. I trust that any action which may be considered necessary in order to enable these plans to be promptly considered and acted upon will be taken by your Board at its meeting this evening.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY,
Mayor.

Recess.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the Board took a recess of fifteen minutes.

The Board reassembled.

On motion of Mr. Fowler, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

WILLIAM J. PORTER,
Secretary pro tem.

In School Committee, June 9, 1896.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members.

The Chair stated that the Secretary was absent on account of illness.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the rules were suspended, and Mr. Fowler was directed to cast one ballot for William J. Porter as Secretary *pro tem.*

Mr. Fowler cast one ballot for William J. Porter, and he was declared elected Secretary *pro tem.*

William J. Porter elected Secretary *pro tem.*

The Secretary of the Board *pro tem.* was qualified as Secretary of the Corporation *pro tem.*, the President administering the oath of office.

Secretary *pro tem*, qualified.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, City Hall, June 3, 1896.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; appropriation of $75,000 for improvements in sanitation, ventilation, and means of escape from fire of school-houses.

To the Boston School Committee:

Gentlemen: I notified your committee on May 26th of the passage by both branches of the City Council of an order appropriating the sum of $75,000 for improvements in school-houses in respect to sanitation, ventilation, and means of escape from fire. I now transmit herewith:

1. A copy of said order.

2. A letter this day sent to me by the Superintendent of Public Buildings; and

3. Plans and specifications for improvements in plumbing and

drainage in the school-houses included in the list given by the Superintendent of Public Buildings.

I trust that the School Committee will examine the plans and specifications submitted as soon as possible. If any changes in these plans and specifications are deemed necessary, they will be considered at once by the Superintendent of Public Buildings, if suggested to him, and he will endeavor in every way to come to an agreement upon plans with your committee.

The Committee of Experts appointed by me obtained estimates from responsible contractors of the cost of doing the work covered by the plans and specifications now submitted, and such estimates indicate that the total cost of doing the work called for by these plans will amount to about $47,000. The providing of main traps for school buildings not included in this list will probably raise this sum to about $50,000, leaving the sum of $25,000 out of the appropriation of $75,000 which has now been made applicable to improvements in means of escape in case of fire. Plans or specifications for such work will be submitted to your committee early next week.

The contractors' estimates indicate that the cost of doing the work covered by the plans now transmitted will amount in the case of each school-house, excepting two, to more than the sum of $2,000. If the work upon each school-house were let in a single contract, bids would, therefore, have to be advertised for in accordance with law in every case but two. The Superintendent of Public Buildings thinks that it will be best to make separate contracts for masonry work, plumbing, and perhaps carpentry. In such case most of the contracts would probably not amount to the sum of $2,000, and, therefore, would not be subject to the requirement of law that bids should be invited by advertisement; but in view of the discussion which has taken place in the City Council upon the question of the execution of these improvements upon school-houses, and in order to make it perfectly clear that the executive department of the city government has no other object in view than to secure the best possible performance of this important work, without favoritism in the letting of contracts, I desire to state that whether these contracts exceed the sum of $2,000 or not, they will all be let, as far as it may be found possible to do so, upon advertised bids.

The experts who have prepared these plans will stand in the position of professional advisers to the Superintendent of Public Buildings, and the execution of the work in accordance with the plans will be subject to their supervision.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, *Mayor.*

City of Boston.
In Board of Aldermen, May 25, 1896.

Ordered, That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars ($75,000) be appropriated out of any unappropriated monies in the treasury for the Public Buildings Department, School Expenses, the same to be in addition to the sum of one hundred and seventy-three thousand four hundred dollars ($173,400) appropriated for said expenses of said department in the annual appropriation order for the current financial year; and that said sum of seventy-five thousand dollars ($75,000) be expended in making improvements in school buildings, to secure better sanitation and ventilation therein, and better means of escape in case of fire, said sum to be expended upon such school buildings as may from time to time be designated by the School Committee, and in accordance with plans prepared by the Superintendent of Public Buildings and approved by the School Committee.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence. May 26, came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, May 27, 1896.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

City of Boston.
Office of Public Buildings Department,
June 3, 1896.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, *Mayor of Boston:*

Dear Sir: In accordance with your letter of May 28th, I have examined plans and specifications for improvements in plumbing and drainage for the school-houses named in the following list, prepared and submitted to me by the Expert Committee appointed by you, and I hereby approve such plans and specifications for transmission to the School Committee for its approval. The list of school-houses covered by such plans is as follows:

Dorchester High School-house, Sherwin, Bennett, J. A. Andrew, Edward Everett, Charles Sumner, Lowell, George Putnam, Cyrus Alger, Primary School-house, King and Roxbury streets, Norcross, Warren Grammar, Ware, and Eliot, Everett, Northampton street, Hobart-street Primary, Mather Primary, Meeting-house Hill, Weston street, Martin, Bennett Branch.

The first nine named in this list have no main traps, and the inside drains are in bad condition, and I therefore regard these school-houses as the most urgent cases, and recommend that work on them be taken up first, unless all the work is to be entered upon at once.

There are quite a number of other school buildings unprovided

with main traps not included in this list, and I believe that main traps should be put in for all such buildings at once. I think that the cost of putting in such main traps will be on the average about $100 each.

Yours respectfully,

FRED. B. BOGAN,

Superintendent.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; opinion of Corporation Counsel relative to expenditure of money for improvements upon school buildings.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY HALL, June 9, 1896.

To the School Committee:

I neglected to enclose in my communication of June 3d a copy of the opinion of the Corporation Counsel in regard to the expenditure of money for improvements upon school buildings, and I now transmit the same for your information.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY,

Mayor.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE LAW DEPARTMENT, 14 BEACON STREET,

May 11, 1896.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, *Mayor:*

SIR: In reply to your communication inquiring "as to whether the order authorizing the loan of three hundred thousand dollars for improving the heating and ventilating systems of the public schools, the proceeds to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, was drawn under your advice, and whether in your opinion the said Superintendent is the proper person under the law to do the work of making all repairs on school buildings," I have the honor to say, that the order was drawn under my advice, and in my opinion the Superintendent of Public Buildings is the proper official to make these repairs.

Prior to May 27, 1885, substantially all executive work in the city was done by its several officers, under the direct supervision and control of committees of the City Council without any responsibility to any executive head, and chapter 266 of that year was passed expressly to do away with this practice.

The effect of this chapter was to take away from the committees of the city government all supervision or control over executive work, and up to 1889 there could have been no question but that the power of making repairs on school buildings remained entirely with

the executive department of the city, to be executed at the discretion of the executive.

The Legislature in 1889 provided, in chapter 297 of the Acts of that year: "The School Committee shall have full power and authority to order to be made on the school buildings any additions, alterations, and repairs, for school purposes, which it deems necessary; to provide temporary accommodations for school purposes; to select, bond, and purchase land required for school buildings and their yards; and to fix finally and conclusively the plans for school buildings to be erected," etc.

In my opinion it is clear from the reading of this act that the Legislature did not intend to depart from the rule they had established in 1885, and that the wording of this act conclusively shows this. You will see that the Legislature made a distinct difference between the power and authority given to the School Committee "to order" to be made on school buildings any additions, alterations, and repairs, and the power given "to provide" temporary accommodations for school purposes; "to select," bond, and purchase the lands required for school buildings and their yards, and "to fix finally and conclusively" the plans for school buildings to be erected. The first gives authority only "to order" the things specified, the other gives absolute power "to do" the things specified.

My opinion is the same on this point to-day as it has been ever since the passage of that act of 1889, and as I have repeatedly advised since that time; viz., that the power to do the actual repairs is in the city, after the same have been designated and specified by the School Committee. I desire to be understood clearly. The School Committee have absolute power to specify the repairs to be made, and the additions and changes which they may require, but the actual executive work, the doing the work economically and properly, is the part of the executive of the city, and is to be done by the several departments under the general supervision of the Mayor. I may add that this construction has been followed by Mayor Matthews during his administration, and by Mayor Curtis during his. Each of said Mayors from time to time went over the work to be done, as repairs on school buildings, and advised with the Superintendent in regard thereto. I shall never be convinced short of a decision of the Supreme Court that the Legislature did away with a practice of the City Council, only to endorse the same practice in the School Committee.

Respectfully,

ANDREW J. BAILEY,

Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Clerk of Committees; use of school-houses for children's entertainments, July 4, 1896.

CLERK OF COMMITTEES DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF BOSTON, CITY HALL, June 5, 1896.

MR. PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary of School Committee:

DEAR SIR: Will you kindly arrange to give the Committee on Fourth of July the use of the following-named school-houses for children's entertainments on July 4, 1896, viz.:

Frothingham, Bunker Hill, Hancock, Eliot, Wells, Phillips, Quincy, Franklin, Rice, Lawrence, Lincoln, John A. Andrew, Sherwin, Hyde, Martin, Comins, Lowell, Hugh O'Brien, Roxbury High, George Putnam, Mount Vernon, Edward Everett, Henry L. Pierce, Minot, Harris, Tileston, Emerson, and the High School Drill Hall for dancing.

Please have the necessary instructions given, for opening the above school buildings, and oblige,

Yours very truly,
JOHN F. DEVER,
Clerk of Committees.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Use of school-houses for children's entertainments, July 4, 1896.

Ordered, That the use of the school-houses named in the communication of the Clerk of Committees be granted to the City Council for children's entertainments, July 4, 1896.

The following order took its second reading:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations; use of school-houses for other purposes than school work. [See p. 173.]

Ordered, That section 43 of the Rules and Regulations be amended by striking out, in the third line of the fourth paragraph, the words "in charge," and substituting in place thereof the words "on School Houses," so that the paragraph as amended will read as follows: "No school building or part of a school building shall be used for other purposes than the regular work of the schools, unless the consent of the Committee on School Houses shall have been first obtained. The committee may submit to the Board for approval any request for the use of a school building which, in the judgment of the committee, should be acted upon by the Board."

Lost.

The following order took its second reading:

Ordered, That section 100 of the rules be amended as follows: Strike out, in the third line of the second paragraph, the words "two hundred pupils," and substitute in place thereof the words "one hundred and fifty pupils," so that that part of the section affected by this change will read as follows: "In mixed High Schools of one hundred and fifty pupils or more a junior-master may be appointed, and an additional junior-master may be appointed for every additional one hundred and fifty pupils."

Amendment of rules; appointment of junior-masters in mixed High Schools. [See pp. 172, 173.]

Passed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Superintendent of Schools; award of silver medal for educational exhibit.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, June 9, 1896.

ISAAC F. PAUL, ESQ., *President of the School Committee, Boston, Mass.:*

DEAR MR. PAUL: I hand you herewith a silver medal which has been received by me as an award by the Board of Managers of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association, for the educational exhibit made at the fair held in October and November.

Very truly yours,
EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

Placed on file.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following:

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of instructors.

Dorchester High School. — Sara W. Wilson, assistant, Sept. 1, 1896.

George Putnam District. — Mabel W. Chandler, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1896.

Quincy District. — Annie F. Merriam, third assistant, Sept. 8, 1896.

Director of Modern Languages. — Charles H. Grandgent, Sept. 1, 1896.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT.

Special assistant.

Eliot District. — Grace H. Smith, from March 17, 1896, to April 29, 1896, inclusive.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Stanley H. Rood, junior-master, from June 4, 1896.

Brimmer District. — Mary P. Howland, third assistant, from June 4, 1896. Elizabeth B. McKeon, third assistant, from June 2, 1896.

Charles Sumner District. — Louise M. Cottle, Harriet E. Thing, third assistants, from June 4, 1896.

Emerson District. — Florence Covington, fourth assistant, from June 4, 1896.

Hancock District. — Margeret Mulligan, third assistant, Catherine F. Doherty, fourth assistant, from June 4, 1896.

Harvard District. — Frances M. Mooers, third assistant, from June 16, 1896.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Edith Dennison, fourth assistant, from June 16, 1896.

Hyde District. — A. Maud Gilbert, third assistant, from June 9, 1896.

Lewis District. — Abigail A. Scannell, third assistant, from June 4, 1896.

Lincoln District. — Ella M. Keniff, fourth assistant, from June 4, 1896.

Lyman District. — Katherine G. Garrity, third assistant, from March 16, 1896.

Minot District. — Annie T. McCloskey, fourth assistant, from June 16, 1896.

Quincy District. — E. May Hastings, third assistant,

from June 2, 1896. Blanche F. Harrington, fourth assistant, from May 13, 1896. Mary A. McCarthy, fourth assistant, from June 4, 1896.

Sherwin District. — Laura L. Brown, fourth assistant, from June 4, 1896.

Thomas N. Hart District. — M. Edna Cherrington, fourth assistant, from June 19, 1896.

Tileston District. — Mabel M. Anderson, third assistant, from June 4, 1896.

Wells District. — Mary V. Prendergast, fourth assistant, from June 5, 1896.

North Bennet-street Kindergarten. — Mary H. Chapman, assistant, from Jan. 14, 1896, to Feb. 14, 1896, inclusive.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Dearborn District. — Katharine A. Regan, third assistant, fourth year, from May 1, 1896.

Harvard District. — Elizabeth B. Porter, third assistant, from Sept. 8, 1896.

George Putnam District. — Mary A. Gove, fourth assistant, sixth year, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Quincy District. — Annie F. Merriam, second assistant, Primary School, sixth year, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Kindergartens.

Cushman School. — Annie R. Howard, assistant, from May 1, 1896.

Parmenter-street School. — Margaret P. Dickinson, assistant, second year, from May 1, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Bigelow District. — Josephine Crockett, third assistant.

John A. Andrew District. — Anna M. Edmands, third assistant.

Lyman District. — Eva L. Morley, third assistant.

Hudson-street Kindergarten. — Nellie M. Pinkham, assistant.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

TRANSFERS.

Transfers of teachers.

Agassiz District. — Mary H. McCready, third assistant, to the position of fourth assistant in the same district, to date from Sept. 1, 1896.

Dwight District. — Ruth C. Mills, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the same district, to date from May 1, 1896.

Accepted, and the transfers confirmed.

Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committee in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Elizabeth L. Smith.

Girls' High School. — Elizabeth L. Smith, assistant, from Sept. 8, 1896, until Jan. 8, 1897; Elizabeth M. Richardson, substitute.

S. Louise Durant.

Charles Sumner District. — S. Louise Durant, second assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 8, 1896, until Jan. 8, 1897; M. Louise Wiswall, substitute.

Josephine M. Robertson.

Hancock District. — Josephine M. Robertson, second assistant, from May 1, 1896, until July 1, 1896; Catherine C. O'Connell, substitute.

Kate F. Hobart.

Horace Mann School. — Kate F. Hobart, assistant, from Sept. 8, 1896, until Jan. 1, 1897.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, reported for reëlection the following-named instructors :

Report of Committee on Nominations; reëlection of instructor in calisthenics and teacher of physical training.

For the term ending Aug. 31, 1897 :

Instructor in Calisthenics — Girls' Latin and East Boston High Schools. — Ruth B. Whittemore.

On probation :

Teacher of Physical Culture, Roxbury High School. — Mary Hubbard.

Accepted, and the nominations unanimously confirmed.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on High Schools, reported the following nominations for reëlection for the term ending Aug. 31, 1897 :

Report of Committee on Nominations; reëlection of Instructor of Military Drill and Armorer.

Instructor of Military Drill. — Joseph T. Paget.

Armorer. — Charles H. Reardon.

Accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot for Instructor in Military Drill.

Ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Gallivan, Blanchard, and Mrs. Keller a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty reported the whole number of votes to be 24; necessary for a choice under the statute, 16.

Joseph T. Paget had 22 votes, and was accordingly declared reëlected for the term ending Aug. 31, 1897.

Joseph T. Paget reëlected Instructor of Military Drill.

The nomination of Charles H. Reardon, armorer, was unanimously confirmed.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, reported the following nomination of Clerk of Committees, to date from June 8, 1896 :

Report of Committee on Nominations; Clerk of Committees nominated.

Clerk of Committees. — Thornton D. Apollonio.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Strange, Huggan, and Fowler a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty reported the whole number of votes to be 23; necessary for a choice, 13.

Thornton D. Apollonio elected Clerk of Committees.

Thornton D. Apollonio had 23 votes, and was accordingly declared elected Clerk of Committees.

Report of Committee on Nominations; reëlection of principals of schools.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, reported for reëlection the following-named principals of schools:

To serve during the pleasure of the School Committee:

Chapman District. — Tilson A. Mead, master.

Rice Training School. — Lincoln Owen, master.

For the term ending Aug. 31, 1897:

English High School. — Robert E. Babson, head-master.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Charles W. Parmenter, head-master.

Comins District. — William H. Martin, master.

Eliot District. — Granville S. Webster, master.

Martin District. — Edward W. Schuerch, master.

Thomas N. Hart District. — John F. Dwight, master.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Strange, Huggan, and Fowler a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty reported the whole number of votes to be 23; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13.

To serve during the pleasure of the School Committee:

Principals of schools re-elected.

Chapman District. — Tilson A. Mead, master, had 23 votes.

Rice Training School. — Lincoln Owen, master, had 23 votes.

For the term ending Aug. 31, 1897:

English High School. — Robert E. Babson, head-master, had 23 votes.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Charles W. Parmenter, head-master, had 22 votes.

Comins District. — William H. Martin, master, had 23 votes.

Eliot District. — Granville S. Webster, master, had 23 votes.

Martin District. — Edward W. Schuerch, master, had 23 votes.

Thomas N. Hart District. — John F. Dwight, master, had 23 votes.

The principals of schools as reported by the committee, having received the necessary number of votes under the rules to elect, were declared reëlected for the terms specified, to date from Sept. 1, 1896.

Report of Committee on Nominations; candidates for Supervisors.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, reported the following nominations of candidates for supervisors for the term beginning Sept. 1, 1896, and ending Aug. 31, 1898:

Ellis Peterson, Robert C. Metcalf, George H. Conley, George H. Martin, Walter S. Parker, Sarah L. Arnold.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Strange, Huggan, and Fowler a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty reported the whole number of votes to be 24; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13.

Ellis Peterson, Robert C. Met-

Ellis Peterson had 23 votes; Robert C. Metcalf had

calf, George H. Conley, George H. Martin, Walter S. Parker, Sarah L. Arnold elected supervisors.

24 votes; George H. Conley had 24 votes; George H. Martin had 22 votes; Walter S. Parker had 23 votes; Sarah L. Arnold had 24 votes.

Ellis Peterson, Robert C. Metcalf, George H. Conley, George H. Martin, Walter S. Parker, and Sarah L. Arnold having received the necessary number of votes required under the rules to elect were declared elected supervisors for the term of two years, from Sept. 1, 1896.

Report of Committee on Nominations; candidate for Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, reported the nomination of Edwin P. Seaver for Superintendent of Public Schools for the term beginning Sept. 1, 1896, and ending Aug. 31, 1898.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Strange, Huggan, and Fowler a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty reported the whole number of votes to be 18; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13.

Edwin P. Seaver elected Superintendent of Schools.

Edwin P. Seaver had 18 votes, and was accordingly declared elected Superintendent of Schools for the term of two years beginning Sept. 1, 1896.

Report of Committee on Nominations; reëlection of instructors.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, submitted, in print, a report nominating for reëlection, to serve during the pleasure of the School Committee, and for the term ending Aug. 31, 1897, the subordinate teachers of the several Normal, High, Latin, Grammar, Primary, and Kindergarten Schools, and the special teachers of special schools and special subjects; the terms of service to date from Sept. 1, 1896. (See School Document No. 1, 1896.)

Appended to the report were the following orders:

1. *Ordered*, That teachers with higher ranks than

the rules allow be authorized for the school year 1896–97 as follows: One sub-master in the Bennett District; one sub-master in the Mather District; one sub-master in the Quincy District; one first assistant in the Robert G. Shaw District; one second assistant in the Bigelow District; and one second assistant in the Lowell District.

2. *Ordered*, That ungraded classes be allowed in the following-named districts, as stated: Bigelow, three; Dudley, two; Eliot, ten; Franklin, two; Hancock, five; Henry L. Pierce, two; Lawrence, four; Phillips, four; Norcross, three; Quincy, two; Wells, three.

3. *Ordered*, That the nomination of teachers for reëlection, to serve during the pleasure of the School Committee, and for the term ending Aug. 31, 1897, as contained and specified in School Document No. 1, 1896, be confirmed.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Allen, Order 1 was amended by substituting after the words "one sub-master in the Quincy District" the words "one first assistant in the Emerson District."

Order 1 as amended and Order 2 passed, under a suspension of the rules. Order 3 passed.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, offered the following:

Leave of absence to Mabel F. Wheaton, without pay. Rules suspended.

Ordered, That leave of absence without pay from Oct. 1, 1896, until Sept. 1, 1897, be granted to Mabel F. Wheaton, assistant in the Roxbury High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on School Houses; calisthenic apparatus for

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, who were requested — May 26 — to furnish the Roxbury High School with calisthenic apparatus at a cost not to exceed $700, reported that there is no money available

Roxbury High School. [See p. 174.]

for this purpose, and your committee therefore recommend that it is inexpedient to take action on the order at the present time.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the report was recommitted to the Committee on School Houses.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from City Council; ventilation of George-street Primary School-house. [See p. 54.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 12 — a communication from the City Council relative to providing a modern system of ventilation in the George-street Primary School-house, reported that this committee have considered the matter and recommend that the City Council be respectfully informed that in the opinion of this Board no action is necessary on the order referred.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the City Council.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Land for enlargement of Sharp School-house lot.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, in order to straighten the north line of the Sharp School-house lot at the West End, a lot of land adjacent to said school-house lot, about 12 feet on Anderson street, and containing 279 square feet, more or less, and belonging to Stephen H. Williams.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Appropriation for heating, ventilation, and sanitation of Beech-street School-house.

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following appropriation be made:

Primary School-house, Beech street, Roslindale, heating, ventilation, and sanitation, $2,175.

Report of Committee on School Houses; fitting of room in Dorchester High School for a

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, who were requested — May 26 — to fit up a room in the Dorchester High School-house for a physical laboratory, reported that in view of the fact that a new building will be pro-

vided for this school in the near future, your committee recommend that it is inexpedient to fit up the room as requested.

physical laboratory. [See p. 174.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, a lot of land on Paul Gore street, Ward 23, Boston, containing 32,340 square feet, more or less, and belonging to George S. Curtis, as shown on a plan made by Garbett & Wood, surveyors, dated Boston, Aug. 1, 1892, and accompanying the proposition of said George S. Curtis for the sale of said land.

Land for school purposes on Paul Gore street, Ward 23.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the boundary lines of the Stoughton District be amended as follows: Strike out the words "thence by the centres of Morton, Fairmount, and Washington streets," and insert in place thereof the following words: "thence by the centre of Morton street to Fuller street; thence in the rear of the northerly side of Fuller street to the railroad; thence by the railroad to Van Winkle street; thence in the rear of the northerly side of Van Winkle street to Minot street; thence in the rear of the northerly side of Minot street to Fredericka street; thence in the rear of the easterly side of Fredericka street."

Boundary lines of Stoughton District.

That the boundary lines of the Henry L. Pierce District be amended to conform to the above change.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, presented the following report:

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from His Honor the Mayor

The Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — May 26 — a communication from His Honor the Mayor, of even date, with ref-

relative to appropriation of $75,000 for improvements in schools. [See pp. 179, 180.]

erence to the appropriation of $75,000 for improvements in school buildings, to secure better sanitation and ventilation therein, and better means of escape in case of fire, beg leave to make the following report on the subject-matter of that communication:

On Jan. 7, 1896, the Mayor transmitted to the School Board the following communication:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, City Hall, Jan. 7, 1896.

Phineas Bates, Esq., *Secretary Boston School Committee:*

Sir: I hereby notify the School Committee, through you, that in accordance with an opinion given me by Corporation Counsel Bailey, that the School Committee is not a "department" of the city government within the sense of section 22 of chapter 449 of the Acts of 1895, and that therefore the construction of all buildings for the use of the School Committee comes under such head of a department or other officer appointed by the Mayor as the Mayor may designate, I have designated Mr. William Jackson, City Engineer, to take charge from this date of the building of all new buildings for the use of the School Committee, including those already contracted for by the committee.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY,

Mayor.

As the opinion of the Corporation Counsel mentioned in the above communication has never been submitted to the School Board for examination, your committee can only state that after careful examination of section 22 of chapter 449 of the Acts of 1895, in connection with chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, and, after conference with eminent legal authorities, we are unable to find, outside of the office of the Corporation Counsel, any authority for the position taken by the Mayor with reference to the matter of new school-houses, or any legal justification for the designation by the Mayor of Mr. Jackson, or any other person, to take charge of the building of new school-houses. Your committee has declined in any way to recognize the authority of Mr. Jackson, and we understand that the Mayor has now abandoned the position taken in that communication.

On Jan. 13, 1896, the Mayor transmitted to this Board the following communication:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, City Hall, Jan. 13, 1896.

Phineas Bates, Esq., *Secretary School Committee:*

Dear Sir: I desire to advise the School Committee, through you, that in accordance with the position taken in my inaugural address,

I have this day appointed Prof. Francis W. Chandler, professor of architecture at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Frederic Tudor, Esq., heating, ventilating, and sanitary engineer; and Prof. S. Homer Woodbridge, of the Institute of Technology, heating and ventilating engineer, as an expert committee to examine into the present condition of our school-houses in respect to ventilation and sanitation, and to report, in as much detail as possible, the changes or additions necessary, in their opinion, to provide proper sanitary and ventilating arrangements in existing school-houses, with the probable cost of the same.

This expert investigation is undertaken by the executive branch of the city government for the sole object of placing the Mayor and the City Council, who are responsible for the general finances of the city, in a position to act intelligently upon the request contained in the estimates of the School Committee for the next fiscal year in which an appropriation of the sum of $350,000 for improvements in such sanitary and ventilating arrangements is asked for. I trust that the School Committee will appreciate the necessity of this expert examination, and will lend its hearty coöperation thereto. The attitude of the School Committee in giving its approval and support to the examination into the same matters by the committee of the Boston Branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnæ, now in progress, of which committee Professor Woodbridge is the expert on ventilation, gives me full confidence that the committee will lend its further coöperation to the expert investigation now provided for.

My only desire in this matter, as Mayor of the city, is to have this whole subject, which has already received so much attention from our citizens, and which is of such vital interest to them, receive such a thorough and searching investigation by gentlemen of large technical knowledge and experience and high professional standing, as will lead to the acceptance of their conclusion by all parties concerned. It is not my purpose or desire in initiating this investigation to trench in any way upon the functions of the School Committee; but it seems to me my duty, in passing upon the request of the committee for this large sum of money (particularly in view of the condition of the general finances of the city), to place myself and the City Council in a position where we would be in possession of the fullest and most accurate information.

When the report of the above-named expert committee, with their estimates as to the cost of the work, is presented, I shall, as stated in my inaugural, "coöperate in every way in my power with the School Committee in an endeavor to secure the speedy appropriation of the necessary money, and its application, in a manner which will

prove effectual to supplying the present deficiencies." I shall be glad, if desired, to confer with any representatives of the School Committee in regard to this matter; and I have instructed the members of the above-named expert committee to confer with the officers of the School Committee before entering upon their work.

In order that the recommendations of these experts may be acted upon without any loss of time, I would suggest that the School Committee specify by vote the school-houses which they deem to be in need of immediate attention, and authorize the Superintendent of Public Buildings to make repairs upon the same.

Referring to another subject, I am informed that the impression prevails with some members of the School Committee that by my designation of Professor Chandler as consulting architect to the Mayor, the architects named in the contracts that have already been made by the School Committee are superseded. This is not the case. Professor Chandler's duty will simply be to keep me informed as to the proper execution of such contracts, as far as school buildings already contracted for are concerned. While I have asserted, under the advice of the Corporation Counsel, the right to have future contracts for school buildings made by the City Engineer, who has been designated by me for that purpose, it is not my intention to question or disturb any existing contracts.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY,

Mayor.

This committee accepted in good faith the assurance of the Mayor that he did not desire "to trench in any way upon the functions of the School Committee," assured him of our earnest desire for his hearty coöperation in the repair of existing school-houses; and transmitted to him a list of school buildings with a detailed estimate of the amount needed to make necessary repairs, amounting in all to $639,600.

This large amount was made necessary by the failure of the City Council to respond to the request of the School Committee, repeated for several years, for special appropriations to improve the sanitary condition of various school-houses. A similar necessity for appropriations for new school-houses was only relieved by a special act of the Legislature passed in 1895 granting to the School Committee the right to expend $2,200,000 in five years for new school-houses.

The only limitation in the Act of 1889, which gave to the School Committee control over the repairs of the school buildings, is that they shall not "expend or contract to expend for said purposes any

money in excess of the amount previously appropriated therefor," and up to the advent of the present administration neither the executive nor his legal advisers have questioned the authority over repairs given to the School Board by the Act of 1889.

Early in this administration your committee were informed by His Honor that hereafter the Mayor was to approve bills for repairs on school-houses, and that the Committee on School Houses were to have no authority over the Superintendent of Public Buildings as to the carrying out of orders for school repairs, that the chairman of your committee was to approve no more bills for school repairs, and that the Superintendent of Public Buildings, part of whose salary is paid by this Board, for looking after school repairs, was to perform that work under the direction of the Mayor and free from any control of your committee. Your committee insisted that they should exercise the authority given them by the statutes, and the position of the Mayor as to general repairs was soon after abandoned. With the commission appointed by the Mayor to advise him as to the present condition of existing school-houses this Board has no official connection, nor has that commission any legal authority to control the expenditures of this Board. The improvement of the sanitary condition of the school buildings constitutes "repairs" within the Statute of 1889, and the published report of the Mayor's commission gave no new information to this Board, merely treating of matters repeatedly called to the attention of the City Council.

Your committee have been informed by the Mayor that his commission estimates that the improvements recommended by them will amount in all to about one and one-half million dollars, and that he proposes to have this expenditure made under the direction of this commission, its members to be paid commissions on the amount of such expenditure.

Against such extravagance your committee enter their respectful but firm protest, and assert that in their opinion if the appropriations be expended for the benefit of the schools, rather than for the exploitation of schemes of individuals, the schools can be put in good condition for about $700,000. Your committee have recently been asked to pay out of their regular appropriation fees amounting to $5,590.12 for preliminary work done by two members of this commission, whose information was of no value to this committee, and one of its members has, without any authority, interfered with the work of this committee in building new school-houses, and by such interference delayed the work and rendered himself personally responsible therefor, all in contravention of the purpose announced by the Mayor "not to trench in any way upon the functions of the

School Committee." Your committee are anxious to do all in their power to economically provide for the improvement and safety of the present school-houses, and to that end welcome the disinterested suggestion of any citizen or body of citizens. The Legislature has seen fit to grant to the School Board clearly defined authority in the building of new school-houses and the repair of existing buildings.

Previous to this administration the powers given to the Board under the Acts of 1889 and 1895 have been exercised without any question from the Mayor or the Law Department, and it is the purpose of your committee to act within the authority granted by the Legislature, and to carefully expend all the appropriations granted the Board without the surrender of any right or responsibility.

The designation of school-houses by the Mayor, and the plan submitted for their improvement from the $75,000 already appropriated, as suggested in the communication of the Mayor, dated June 3, 1896, do not meet with the approval of this committee.

Your commmittee recommend that this report be forwarded to His Honor the Mayor, and ask for the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the $75,000 appropriated by the City Council of May 26, 1896, for improvements in school-houses in respect to sanitation, ventilation, and means of escape from fire be appropriated as follows, to be expended under the direction of the Committee on School Houses:

For Improvements in Sanitaries.		*For Fire-escapes.*	
George-st. School . .	$1,500 00	Tileston School . . .	$1,100 00
Ira Allen " . .	1,200 00	Girls' High " . . .	1,400 00
Mt. Pleasant-avenue School	1,150 00	Dillaway " . . .	1,200 00
Savin Hill School .	1,150 00	Franklin " . . .	1,200 00
Tileston " .	1,620 00	Wait " . . .	1,000 00
Winthrop-st. " .	1,350 00	Brimmer " . . .	1,250 00
Yeoman-st. " .	2,325 00	Sharp " . . .	1,005 00
Dearborn " .	3,250 00	Bunker Hill Grammar School	1,200 00
W. Concord-st. " .	2,400 00	Bunker Hill Primary School	900 00
Adams " .	3,950 00	Pierpont School . .	875 00
Chapman " .	2,650 00	Hancock " . .	400 00
Chas. Sumner " .	2,350 00	Winthrop " . .	1,200 00
Lowell " .	4,100 00	Ira Allen " . .	850 00
Lyman " .	3,600 00	Bartlett-st. " . .	900 00
Warren " .	3,700 00	Appleton-st. " . .	1,200 00
Canterbury-st. " .	1,100 00	Winthrop-st. " . .	850 00
Chestnut-ave. " .	1,100 00	Cottage-pl. " . .	600 00
Hobart-st. " .	1,100 00	George-st. " . .	1,000 00
E. Boston High " .	1,950 00		
Carried forward,	$41,545 00	*Carried forward*,	$18,130 00

Brought forward,	$41,545 00	*Brought forward,*	$18,130 00
Emerson School . .	4,000 00	Pormort School .	900 00
Edw. Everett Primary School	1,550 00	Tyler-st. " .	875 00
Everett Pri. School .	1,100 00	Groton-st. " .	900 00
Noble School . . .	1,800 00	Freeman " .	900 00
		W. Concord-st. " .	1,200 00
		Phillips-st. " .	900 00
	$49,995 00	Fayette-st. " .	1,200 00
			$25,005 00

Sanitaries	$49,995 00
Fire-escapes	25,005 00
	$75,000 00

Mr. Dunn stated that Mr. Lowell dissents from this report.

The report was accepted, the order passed, and the report was ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. Fowler, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, offered the following:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations relative to salaries and ranks of instructors.

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

Section 99. In the second line strike out the words "first and second"; in the fourth line strike out the words "two first assistants"; in the fifth line strike out the word "second"; in the eleventh line strike out the word "second" and substitute the word "an" for the word "a"; in the seventeenth line strike out the word "second"; in the eighteenth line strike out the words "and third"; in the nineteenth line strike out the words "second and third"; in the twenty-fifth line strike out the words "second or third" and the word "as"; in the twenty-sixth line strike out the words "the committee in charge shall determine."

Section 100. In the third line strike out the words "first assistants." Strike out the section after the words "and assistants," in the third line, to and including the word "employed," in the sixth line. In the twenty-first and twenty-fourth lines substitute the word "eleven" for the word "thirteen."

Section 103. In the second line substitute the words "assistants and" for the words "second and third." In paragraph 4, second line. strike out the word "third." In the schedule following section 103, on page 24, strike out the column referring to second assistants. In paragraph 5, second line, strike out the word "third."

Section 104. In the second line substitute the words "first assistants" for the word "second" and strike out the word "fourth."

Section 105. In the second line substitute the word "six" for the word "four." In the sixth line substitute the word "first" for the word "second." Strike out the balance of the section after the word "committee," in the eighth line.

Section 114. In the third line strike out the word "and," and insert after the word "instructors" the words "and an instructor of metal working."

Section 117. In the second line, after the word "probation," insert the following words: "as assistants in Grammar or Primary Schools." In the sixth and seventh lines strike out the words "or of one who is promoted in rank." Strike out all after the word "for," in the tenth line, to and including the word "service," in the thirteenth line, and substitute therefor the following: "six or more years' previous service."

Section 118. In the seventh line substitute the word "seven" for the word "thirteen"; in the eighth and ninth lines substitute the word "eighth" for the word "fourteenth"; in the ninth line substitute the word "salary" for the word "salaries"; in the tenth line insert after the word "of" the word "a," and substitute the words "assistant in Grammar Schools" for the words "and second assistants"; in the fourteenth line substitute the word "salary" for the word "salaries," and strike out the words "third and fourth"; in the fifteenth line substitute the words "an assistant" for the word "assistants"; in the seventeenth line substitute the word "eight" for the word "six"; in the eighteenth line substitute the word "ninth" for the word "seventh." Add the following paragraph to the section:

"The salary of a first assistant in Primary Schools shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding two years, so that a maximum rate shall be reached for the third and each subsequent year of service."

Section 119. In the third line insert after the word "master" the word "and"; in the third and fourth lines strike out the words "and first assistants"; in the sixth line substitute the word "nine" for the word "thirteen"; in the seventh line substitute the word "tenth" for the word "fourteenth."

Section 120. In the first line substitute the word "salary" for the word "salaries"; insert the word "the" after the word "of" and strike out the words "and first and"; in the second line strike out the words "second assistants"; in the sixth line insert after the word "service" the following paragraph: "The salary of assistants

shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding eight years, so that the maximum rate shall be reached for the ninth and each subsequent year of service." Strike out the section after the word "service" in the tenth and eleventh lines, to and including the word "School" in the thirteenth line.

Section 125. In the fourth line substitute the word "four" for the word "three"; in the fifth line substitute the word "fifth" for the word "fourth."

Section 126. In the fourth line substitute the word "four" for the word "two"; in the fifth line substitute the word "fifth" for the word "third."

Section 127. In the fourth line substitute the word "eight" for the word "six"; in the fifth line substitute the word "ninth" for the word "seventh."

Section 129. Strike out the section and substitute the following:

"*Section* 129. The salaries of the teachers in the Mechanic Arts High School, excepting those of head-master and master, shall be established as follows: for junior-master, at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding eleven years, so that the maximum rate shall be reached for the twelfth and each subsequent year of service; for instructor, at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding seven years, so that the maximum rate shall be reached for the eighth and each subsequent year of service; for assistant instructor, at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding nine years, so that the maximum rate shall be reached for the tenth and each subsequent year of service; for instructor in metal working, at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding thirteen years, so that the maximum rate shall be reached for the fourteenth and each subsequent year of service."

Passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendment of Rules and Regulations relative to instruction in military drill. [See p. 174.]

Mr. Fowler, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 26 — an order to amend section 283 of the rules, relative to the instruction in military drill in the Latin School, reported that having received a request from the Committee on High Schools for the return of the order to that committee, your committee

recommend that the order referred to be recommitted to the Committee on High Schools.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; duties of Clerk of Committees. [See p. 176.]

Mr. Fowler, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 26 — an order that this committee be instructed to define the duties of the Clerk of Committees, reported that they have considered the matter and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

Chapter X. — Add the following section to the chapter:

SECTION 143. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of Committees to attend the meetings of such committees as he may be requested to, to keep the records of their proceedings, and generally to assist the School Committee under the direction of the Secretary.

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendment of Regulations relative to corporal punishment. [See p. 144.]

Mr. Fowler, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 28 — an order relative to corporal punishment in the schools, reported that this committee are in sympathy with the spirit of the amendment proposed, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That section 221 of the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 221. Insert after the word "scholar" in the eighth line, the words "shall not be inflicted in sight of other scholars."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendment of Rules

Mr. Fowler, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 12 — an order that the rules be amended to provide that candidates for the certificate of qualifica-

tion, Grammar School, Class A, shall be graduates of colleges in good standing, or of institutions which confer degrees of a corresponding grade, reported that this committee are of the opinion that masters and sub-masters in the Grammar Schools should be graduates of colleges as would be provided if the rules were amended as suggested in the order referred. The certificate, Grammar School, Class A, entitles the holder to teach in other capacities than that of master or sub-master of the Grammar Schools. Your committee are of the opinion that this restriction should apply only to masters and sub-masters, and they therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

and Regulations; candidates for certificate, Grammar School, Class A, to be graduates of college. [See p. 163.]

Ordered, That section 103 of the Rules be amended as follows:

SECTION 103. Add the following paragraph to the section:

6. After this date all masters and sub-masters regularly employed in the Grammar Schools shall be graduates of colleges in good standing, or of institutions which confer degrees of a corresponding grade, excepting from the operation of this rule such persons as now hold certificates entitling them to hold such positions.

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Mr. Fowler, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That section 102 of the Rules be amended as follows:

Amendment of Rules; instructors in High and Latin Schools to be graduates of college.

SECTION 102. Strike out the word "male" in the first line, and insert after the word "employed," in the same line, the words "after Sept. 1, 1896." Add the following to the section: "Provided that this restriction

shall not apply to persons holding on the date named a certificate entitling them to fill such positions."

Passed to a second reading.

Annual report of Committee on Text-Books.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Text-Books, presented the annual report of that committee in print. (School Document No. 5, 1896.)

Appended to the report were the following orders:

1. *Ordered*, That "The Children's Primer" (Cyr), published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the third class of the Primary Schools.

2. *Ordered*, That "Stories for Children" (Lane), published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the third class of the Primary Schools.

3. *Ordered*, That "Fairy Tale and Fable" (Thompson), published by the New Century Educational Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the third class of the Primary Schools.

4. *Ordered*, That "Twilight Stories" (Foulke), published by Silver, Burdett, & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the first class of the Primary Schools.

5. *Ordered*, That one set of thirty copies of "The Children's Second Reader" (Cyr), published by Ginn & Co., be furnished to each Primary School building in which there is a second class, and an extra set of thirty copies to each Primary School building in which there are three or more second classes.

6. *Ordered*, That the purchase of reading charts be discontinued.

7. *Ordered*, That Hazen's Fourth Reader, published by E. H. Butler & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the third and second classes of the Grammar Schools.

8. *Ordered*, That "Elements of Philosophy" (Cooley), published by Thompson, Brown, & Co., be dropped from the list of text-books authorized for use in the first classes of the Grammar Schools.

9. *Ordered*, That "Elementary Lessons in Physics" (Gifford), published by Thompson, Brown, & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the first classes of the Grammar Schools.

10. *Ordered*, That Stone's "History of England" be dropped from the list of text-books authorized for use in the Grammar Schools.

11. *Ordered*, That "Le Premier Livre de Français" (Hotchkiss), published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Grammar Schools.

12. *Ordered*, That "Stories of American Life and Adventure" (Eggleston), published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the sixth and fifth classes of the Grammar Schools.

13. *Ordered*, That Monroe's "New Fourth Reader," published by E. H. Butler & Co., he authorized for use as supplementary reading in the sixth and fifth classes of the Grammar Schools, one set of sixty books to be furnished to each Grammar School.

14. *Ordered*, That "Talks about Animals" (Companion Series), published by Perry Mason & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the fourth and third classes of the Grammar Schools.

15. *Ordered*, That "A Child's Garden of Verses" (Stevenson), published by Charles Scribner's Sons, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in all the classes of the Grammar Schools.

16. *Ordered*, That Hale's "Stories for Children"

be transferred from Group *A* to Group *C*, supplementary reading for Grammar Schools.

17. *Ordered*, That "Selections for French Composition" (Grandgent), published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

18. *Ordered*, That "Selections for German Composition" (Harris), published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

19. *Ordered*, That "Practical Latin Composition" (Collar), published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

20. *Ordered*, That "A German Reader for Beginners" (Harris), published by Henry Holt & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

21. *Ordered*, That "Marchen und Erzahlungen" (Guerber), published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High School.

22. *Ordered*, That "Die Journalisten" (Freytag), edited by Toy, and published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Grammar Schools.

23. *Ordered*, That "Elements of Botany" (Bergen), published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

24. *Ordered*, That "Selections from Urbis Romæ Viri Illustres" (Rolfe), published by Allyn & Bacon, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the High Schools.

25. *Ordered*, That "Fabulæ Faciles" (Ritchie), published by Longmans & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the High Schools.

26. *Ordered*, That Fyffe's "History of Greece" and Creighton's "History of Rome," published by the American Book Company, be added to the list of text-

books authorized for use in the High Schools, to be furnished in addition to Meyer's General History or Sheldon's General History.

27. *Ordered*, That Herrig's "La France Litteraire" be dropped from the list of supplementary reading books in the High Schools.

28. *Ordered*, That Otto's "German Reader" be dropped from the list of text-books authorized for use in the High Schools.

29. *Ordered*, That "Select Minor Poems of John Milton (Thomas), published by Silver, Burdett, & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

30. *Ordered*, That "Das Wesentliche der Deutschen Grammatik" (Spanhoofd), published by Henry Holt & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Girls' Latin School.

31. *Ordered*, That "English History for American Readers" (Higginson & Channing), published by Longmans & Co., be added to the list of text-books authorized for use in the Latin Schools.

32. *Ordered*, That the limitation as to the use of "Tables for the Determination of Common Minerals" be stricken out, so as to authorize the use of this book in the Latin Schools.

33. *Ordered*, That "The Aoedean Collection, Part Songs for Female Voices" (Tufts & Holt), published by Silver, Burdett, & Co., be authorized for use in the Girls' High School and the Girls' Latin School, the number to be furnished to each school not to be greater than the largest number of pupils in any one class or division singing at one time.

34. *Ordered*, That "The Euterpean" (Tufts), published by Silver, Burdett, & Co., be authorized for use in all the High Schools except the Girls' High School and

the Girls' Latin School, the number to be furnished to each school not to be greater than the largest number of pupils in any one class or division singing at one time.

35. *Ordered*, That "Practical Exercises in English" (Buehler), published by Harper & Bros., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High and Latin Schools.

36. *Ordered*, That "The Blue Poetry Book for Schools" (Lang), published by Longmans & Co., be authorized for use as a supplementary reading book in the High Schools; thirty-five copies in a set, one set to be furnished to each of the smaller High Schools, and two sets to be furnished to each of the larger High Schools.

37. *Ordered*, That "Busy Work in Number" (for Class 3); Number Cards for Primary Schools, First Series (for Class 2); Number Cards for Primary Schools, Second Series (for Class 1) (Shove), — be added to the list of reference-books of the Primary Schools, one set for each teacher.

38. *Ordered*, That the physical maps of the two hemispheres, Europe, Asia, Africa, North America, and South America (Sydow-Habenicht), be authorized for use in the Grammar Schools.

39. *Ordered*, That the physical map of the United States, published by Rand, McNally, & Co., be authorized for use in the Grammar Schools.

40. *Ordered*, That "History for Ready Reference and Topical Reading" (Larned), published by the C. A. Nichols Co., be authorized for use as a reference-book in the High Schools.

41. *Ordered*, That MacCoun's Historical Geography of the United States and MacCoun's Historical Charts of the United States be authorized for use as books of reference in the Latin Schools.

42. *Ordered*, That one copy of "Principles of Rhetoric," revised edition (Hill), published by Harper & Bros., be placed on the desk of the teacher in each room where English is taught to the fourth and third year classes of the High Schools.

43. *Ordered*, That one copy of "Practical Elements of Rhetoric" (Genung), published by Ginn & Co., be placed on the desk of the teacher in each room where English is taught in the fourth and third year classes of the High Schools.

44. *Ordered*, That one copy of "Foundation Studies in Literature" (Mooney), published by Silver, Burdett, & Co., be placed on the desk of each teacher in the High Schools.

45. *Ordered*, That "Practical Exercises in English" (Buehler), published by Harper & Bros., be authorized for use as a reference-book in Grammar Schools, one copy to be supplied for the desk of each teacher of the second and first classes.

46. *Ordered*, That one copy of "Elementary Lessons in Physics," teachers' edition (Gifford), published by Thompson, Brown, & Co., be supplied to each teacher of the first classes in the Grammar Schools as a desk book.

47. *Ordered*, That "The Realm of Nature" (Mill), published by Charles Scribner's Sons, be authorized for use as a reference-book, a copy to be supplied for the desk of each teacher in the third and second classes in the Grammar Schools.

48. *Ordered*, That the Memorial History of Boston be authorized for use as a reference-book in the Grammar and High Schools, one set for each school.

49. *Ordered*, That "Waymarks for Teachers" (Arnold), published by Silver, Burdett, & Co., be authorized for use as a reference-book for the Normal School.

50. *Ordered*, That "Suggestions for Instruction in Color" (Prang, Hicks, & Clark), published by the Prang Educational Company, be authorized for use as a book of reference in the Grammar Schools, one copy for the desk of each teacher who teaches this subject.

51. *Ordered*, That "The World and Its People, Book 1 and Book 2," published by Silver, Burdett, & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the first class of the Primary Schools, in place of "The World and Its People."

52. *Ordered*, That "The Young Folks' Library, No. 5 and No. 6," be stricken from the list of books authorized for use for supplementary reading in the first class of the Primary Schools.

53. *Ordered*, That "The Natural System of Vertical Writing" (Newlands & Row), published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as an additional text-book on penmanship in the Grammar Schools.

Mr. McDonald also presented the minority report of the Committee on Text-Books with reference to "The Natural System of Vertical Writing."

The reports were accepted, and the orders laid over, under the rule.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Truant Officers, it was

Prosecution of Frank Murree.

Ordered, That John H. Westfall, truant officer, be directed to prosecute, in the name of the city of Boston, Frank Murree, living at No. 8 Smith street (Ward 25), Boston, for neglect of the duty prescribed in section 1 of chapter 498 of the Acts of 1894.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, it was

Prosecution of John Thornton.

Ordered, That Warren J. Stokes, truant officer, be directed to prosecute, in the name of the city of Boston, John Thornton, living in the West Roxbury District

for neglect of the duty prescribed in section 1 of chapter 498 of the Acts of 1894.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Drawing, offered the following:

Ordered, That the office of Director of Drawing be declared vacant, to take effect Sept. 1, 1896.

Office of Director of Drawing declared vacant.

The Chair rules that under the provisions of section 86 of the Rules the order could not be entertained.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, the order was referred back to the Committee on Drawing.

Mr. Calderwood offered the following:

Reports on sanitary condition of school-houses.

Believing that the School Board should have a more systematic supervision of the sanitary condition of school buildings, and that this can be accomplished only by placing the responsibility upon some committee, therefore be it

Ordered, That section 53 of the Rules be amended by adding after the word "schools," in the third line, the following words: "They (the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training) shall each year, in the months of January and June, call for a report from each master upon the sanitary condition of all buildings under his charge, and shall investigate all complaints and report the condition of buildings, with suggestions, to the Committee on School Houses."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Adams, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Use of King-street School-house for vacation school.

Ordered, That the use of the King-street School-house be granted to William C. Williams for a vacation school, during the months of July and August, the same to be without expense to the city.

Mr. Adams offered the following:

Special examination of candidates.

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors hold a spe-

cial examination of candidates for positions as teachers at some convenient time before Sept. 15, 1896.

Referred to the Committee on Examinations.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following:

Dedication of new Gibson School-house.

Ordered, That the dedication of the new Gibson School-house be held on June 19, 1896, and that the graduating class of 1896 be allowed to receive their diplomas on that day.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following:

New Gibson School-house named the Christopher Gibson School.

Ordered, That the new Gibson School be named the Christopher Gibson School.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following:

Boundary lines of Harvest-street School.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to define the boundary lines of the new Harvest-street School.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on the Annual School Festival, offered the following:

Graduates of Normal, Latin, and High Schools excused from attending annual school festival.

Ordered, That the graduates of the Normal, Latin, and High Schools be excused from attending the annual school festival this year.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following:

School festival substituted for graduating exercises.

Ordered, That the School Festival be substituted this year for the usual graduating exercises in the Grammar Schools, and that the diplomas, in place of the usual bouquets, be presented to the graduates by the Mayor.

The Chair stated that it would require a suspension of the rules to pass the order.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost, the necessary number not voting therefor.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on Examinations, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Examinations be authorized to report in print on Departmental Instruction in the Grammar Schools, at the first meeting of the Board in October.

Committee on Examinations to report in print.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That, on account of the sanitary condition of Wise Hall, the Committee on School Houses be requested to provide other accommodations in September, 1896, for the children attending school in said building.

Sanitary condition of Wise Hall.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That an extra ungraded class be allowed in the Agassiz District, making two in all.

Extra ungraded class allowed in Agassiz District.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That an additional sub-master be allowed in the Washington Allston District.

Additional sub-master in Washington Allston District.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost, the necessary number not voting therefor.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Drawing, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing be permitted to report in print at the next meeting of the Board.

Committee on Drawing to report in print.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Anderson offered the following:

Collation and presentation of bouquets dispensed with at annual school festival.

Ordered, That at the annual festival for 1896 the usual collation and presentation of bouquets be dispensed with.

Mr. Fowler moved to amend the order by adding the following words: "and that in place thereof the Chairman of the Committee on Annual School Festival present to each graduate some good and useful book."

Pending the motion to amend, Mr. Gallivan moved that the whole matter be referred to the Committee on the Annual School Festival.

Mr. Gallivan's motion passed.

On motion of Mr. Wise, the following order passed by the Board at the last meeting was reconsidered:

Employment of laboratory assistant in English High School. [See p. 174.]

Ordered, That the head-master of the English High School be authorized to employ a laboratory assistant for classes in chemistry and physics, to date from Sept. 2, 1896, at a salary not to exceed five hundred dollars ($500) per annum.

On motion of Mr. Wise, the order was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following:

Wiring of English High School-house.

Ordered, That the English High School-house be wired for electric lights for the use of the Evening High School.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following:

Windows in Somerset-street School-house.

Ordered, That two windows be placed in the west side of the Somerset-street School-house, in the Bowdoin District.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Wetmore, it was

Adjournment.

Voted, That when this Board adjourn it be to meet on Tuesday evening, June 16, 1896, at half-past seven o'clock.

Mr. Calderwood presented the following petition:

Petition of citizens of Brighton for four-year course in Brighton High School.

We, the undersigned, citizens of Brighton and patrons of the Brighton High School, for many and weighty reasons presented to the Committee on High Schools a year ago, again respectfully request your honorable body to establish the fourth-year course in said school, to go into effect Sept. 8, 1896. We urge immediate action, that all in this vicinity who intend to pursue High School work next year may be able to make their plans accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. M. HALL,
And one hundred and seventeen others.

Referred to the Committee on High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

WILLIAM J. PORTER,
Secretary pro tem.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 16, 1896.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mr. Liebmann.

The Chair announced the death of the late Secretary, Mr. Phineas Bates.

Death of Phineas Bates, late Secretary of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Fowler, the rules were suspended, and Mr. Dunn was directed to cast one ballot for Thornton D. Apollonio as Secretary *pro tem.*

Mr. Dunn cast one ballot for Thornton D. Apollonio, and he was declared elected Secretary *pro tem.*

Thornton D. Apollonio elected Secretary *pro tem.*

The Secretary *pro tem.* was qualified as Secretary of the Corporation *pro tem.*, the President administering the oath of office.

Secretary *pro tem.* qualified.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following:

Resolutions on death of Phineas Bates.

The members of the School Board have received with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Mr. Phineas Bates, for twenty-five years an officer of this Board and for seventeen years its devoted Secretary, and desire to express the full sense of the loss of an honored friend, an efficient assistant, and a most faithful public official. His large experience and varied information as to school affairs, and his untiring industry and genuine love for his work, rendered him almost invaluable to this branch of the public service, while his uniform courtesy and kindness to all the members of the Board and to the public endeared him to all with whom he came in contact.

We wish to place upon our records our appreciation of his loyalty to the public schools and to the members of this committee, to pay tribute to the memory of a devoted friend, whose life was given to the public service, and to tender to his family our deep sympathy and condolence in this sad time of their bereavement.

Resolved, That this testimonial be extended upon the records of this Board, and that the Secretary *pro tem.* be instructed to forward a copy thereof to the family.

Mrs. Fifield spoke as follows :

I wish in a single word to testify to my feeling of personal loss in the death of Mr. Bates. I found him always a remarkable man in the fidelity with which he carried on his work and the great stress he placed upon the dignity of his position as Secretary of this Board. I wish to add a word as to his unfailing courtesy to the women of this Board, and to say that it is a great grief to us that we have lost him.

Mr. Dunn said :

I desire to say a word in seconding the resolution just offered in reference to our departed friend. It has fallen to my lot to have known him many years. I was associated with him in the old School Board, and the acquaintance has been continued from then until the present day. Mr. Bates, as has already been stated, was a most valuable servant and officer to the School Board. He gave to this office and to this work what money could not possibly buy — he gave his life; he gave himself. Through these long years of devotion to the work which was placed under his supervision he gave to that position and to that office and all the responsibilities which came upon him an amount of work which we can hardly appreciate or value. There were several things in his character which call for appreciation and recognition. He was the faithful and devoted servant of the members of this Board, a regular walking, living encyclopedia of the offices and interests connected with it. If a member of a committee wanted to know anything regarding the work of that special committee, he or she had only to ask Mr. Bates, to get the required information. He had a wonderfully retentive memory. He remembered everything connected with our work, and this memory was of great service to the members of the committee. It is my privilege to have served on the Committee on School Houses for the past three years, and at the present time to be chairman of that committee, and that brought me into very close contact with Mr. Bates. Through his office the Committee on School Houses did a large amount of their detail work, and we were very much indebted to Mr. Bates for the valuable services he rendered that committee. I feel, Mr. President, that this Board has lost a most valuable friend, a most useful officer, and it is with pleasure I second the resolution offered.

Mr. Strange spoke as follows:

I cannot allow this occasion to pass by without paying my little word of tribute to a man whom I met in his official capacity, and one whom I studied day by day and grew to admire more and more. Much has been said of our dear friend's many strong traits, but the first strong trait of his character which impressed itself on me was the interest which he took in the scholars of the public schools. Every child in the Boston public schools had an earnest friend in Phineas Bates. He understood the relations of master and pupil. He felt deeply the duty of this Board toward the children. I remember distinctly my first year of service upon the Board, when as clerk of Committee on Examinations he pleaded most strongly that the committee should give diplomas to two or three little boys in the North End who only had him to speak for them. We have lost a faithful servant, but, more than that, we have lost a sincere friend. One could not serve upon this Board and come in daily contact with Phineas Bates without learning to love him. We never feel the strong traits of the characters of those whom we have met until we have lost them. To-night the character of Phineas Bates stands out in its glorious proportions in the mind of every member of this Board. I think this resolution should be adopted by a rising vote.

Mr. Anderson spoke as follows:

I think it is rare to find a character with a large capacity for friendship with all sorts and conditions of people without finding on close examination a tinge of hypocrisy or a taint of sycophancy. I do not know that Phineas Bates had an enemy in the world; I do know that nearly every one who knew him at all well was his friend, and that he was a friend to nearly every one. But as I came to know him better I found in him no tinge of hypocrisy, no taint of sycophancy. He was a man who respected himself and his position, and he never degraded his manhood for the purpose of making a friend. He made his friends by his own capacity for friendship and because people knew he was worthy. When I came on this Board a year and a half ago I knew very little of the Board, and as I went on week after week I was more and more surprised to find how easy it was, with the suggestive word of the Secretary, to find out what position one should take as to matters of detail. Nothing that could be said of his fidelity can do more than justice to his career. For

my own part, I have a higher estimation of public officialism, if I may use the word, of the character, the usefulness, and the fidelity of men who year after year fill official position, because I have known Mr. Bates. It is common nowadays, especially in connection with municipal affairs, to throw scorn upon those who fill year after year positions in our city employ. But if half of the people in the employ of the city do their duty as well as Phineas Bates did his, the city is well paid for the money it pays in salaries. We cannot fill his place as Secretary of the Board, servant of the people, or friend.

I regret one thing, — this was the twenty-fifth anniversary of Mr. Bates' connection with the School Committee. Several members of the Board had hoped that something would be done in recognition of the fact, and something complimentary said to his face of his long and efficient service. I deeply regret that this was not done. I heartily second the motion.

Mr. Bassett spoke as follows:

As a junior member of this Board I desire to testify to the experience that I have had in the short time of my contact with our esteemed and honored Secretary. I shall never forget the first greeting that he gave to me when I entered his office and announced to him who I was. The cordiality of his greeting, the earnestness of his welcome, and the sympathy he displayed with me as a new member were very gratifying, and from that day to this, whenever I have met Mr. Bates, I can testify that whatever he might have been doing, however important the business might be in which he was engaged, he would drop everything and come to my assistance; and I often fancied I was doing an unjust act in allowing him to give me so heartily and kindly of his time and assistance. I feel that in the short acquaintance that I have had with Mr. Bates that I have made a friend that years could not draw me closer to. The last time I saw him, when I knew that he was suffering, I recognized the kindliness of his disposition, and felt that he was indeed not only a valuable servant of the School Board, but a dear personal friend. I most heartily second the motion.

Mr. McDonald spoke as follows:

I just want to say one word on this sad occasion, indorsing the resolution offered. My acquaintance with Mr. Bates extends over a period of twenty-one years. I was elected to the School Board of

Boston twenty-one years ago, and my knowledge of Mr. Bates commenced at that time, and our friendship has never been in the least strained. I consider his loss to the city of Boston almost irreparable. I do not wish to say a great deal, but to heartily indorse the sentiments expressed here. I think the best eloquence that can express our feelings on this occasion is the eloquence of silence.

The President spoke as follows:

I want to add my word of testimony and appreciation to the work of Mr. Bates. It was my good fortune first to become acquainted with Mr. Bates some fifteen years ago. I have known him as a teacher, as a member of this Board, and as President of this Board, and, as has been said here, if any man ever lived who had the qualities of endearing friends it was Phineas Bates. His was one of the most lovable characters I ever met, and I loved him and respected him, not because we agreed in everything, but because of the earnestness and faithfulness of his manner, the plainness of statement and the convincing way in which he put his arguments, and no man met him, either as a member of this Board or as a citizen, but went away from his presence convinced that he had talked with a man who believed what he said and was not afraid to express his sentiments. It has been exceedingly fortunate for this Board that such a man was its Secretary. He has saved all of us from many mistakes, especially as we came on the Board from time to time as new members, enthusiastic over what we thought should be done, and he has pointed out what the result would be and enabled us to do it with greater credit to ourselves and to the Board.

One thing I must speak of particularly, and that was his interest in the Evening Schools and the pupils of the Evening Schools. At the time of the reëstablishment of the Evening Schools, when differences of opinion were rife in this community as to the advisability of the course to be taken, the Evening pupils had no better friend in the city of Boston than Mr. Bates, and his suggestions regarding Evening Schools have been exceedingly valuable in developing and rounding out this system and in giving the pupils a chance to get an education that they could not get in the day schools. I feel the loss particularly, not only personally, but as President of the Board. We lost in him, also, a vast amount of information that no other man had. It was beautiful to see a man in his position not only fulfilling all the duties crowded upon him, but also branching out in the history and tradition of the Boston schools and having an ambition to perpetuate them.

I am sorry that he was not able to carry out the work of completing a history and combining all the information he had, as was his hope, in the form of a history of the Boston schools.

The resolution was adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

On motion of Mr. Fowler, it was

Ordered, That out of respect to the memory of the late Secretary of the Board, the School Committee of Boston as a body attend his funeral services in the Methodist Church at Watertown, to-morrow, June 17, at 2 o'clock, P.M.

On motion of Mr. Fowler, it was

Adjournment.

Voted, That when this Board adjourn it be to meet on Thursday, June 18, at 7.30 o'clock, P.M.

On motion of Mr. Fowler, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary pro tem.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 18, 1896.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Liebmann and Wetmore.

Mr. Fowler offered the following:

Election of Secretary *pro tem.*

Ordered, That owing to the vacancy existing in the position of Secretary of this Board, the rules be suspended and Edward H. Dunn be authorized to cast one vote, as the sense of the Board, for Thornton D. Apollonio for Secretary *pro tem.*, he to fill the position until a Secretary is regularly elected, said Apollonio to be sworn to discharge the duties until such time; and during the interim said Secretary *pro tem.* be and he hereby is authorized to sign as Secretary *pro tem.* all advertisements, certificates, and other papers required to be signed by the Secretary of this Board.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Thornton D. Apollonio elected Secretary *pro tem.*

Mr. Dunn cast one ballot for Thornton D. Apollonio, and he was declared elected Secretary *pro tem.*

Secretary *pro tem.* qualified.

The Secretary of the Board *pro tem.* was qualified as Secretary of the Corporation *pro tem.*, the President administering the oath of office.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the reading of the records of the meeting of June 9 was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from the Common Council relative to the use of school-house yards.

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN COMMON COUNCIL, June 11, 1896.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor request the School Committee to instruct the janitors of the school-houses of the city of Boston, wherever necessary, especially in the South Boston district, to keep the yards of the school-houses open to the children for the purpose of using them for recreation between the hours of eight A.M. and six P.M.

In Common Council, June 11, 1896. Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

JOSEPH A. CONRY, *President.*

MAYOR'S OFFICE, June 13, 1896.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN, *Secretary.*

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Common Council; use of basement of Emerson School-house for ward-room purposes.

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN COMMON COUNCIL, June 11, 1896.

Ordered, That the School Committee inform this body at its earliest date whether they will allow the use of the Emerson School basement for ward-room purposes.

Passed in Common Council, June 11, 1896.

A true copy.

Attest:

JOSEPH O'KANE,
Clerk of the Common Council.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; taking of land for new Dorchester High School-house.

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, June 16, 1896.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with the trustees of the estate of E. J. Baker upon the sum of thirty-six thousand dollars, as payment for sixty thousand

square feet of land, more or less, taken from them at the corner of Talbot avenue and Centre street, at Dorchester, for school purposes, Feb. 11, 1896 (said taking having been recorded the same day), upon the said trustees giving to the city a deed of said land satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; taking of land in West Roxbury.

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, June 9, 1896.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with Ellen Murnaghan upon the sum of forty-seven hundred dollars, as payment for twelve thousand eight hundred and eighteen square feet of land taken from said Murnaghan, at the corner of Walter and Hewlett streets, at West Roxbury, for school purposes, Oct. 5, 1895 (said taking having been recorded Oct. 7, 1895), upon the said Murnaghan giving to the city a deed of said land satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; taking of land for enlargement of Hancock School-house lot.

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, June 12, 1896.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with William J. Flynn upon the sum of three thousand dollars, as payment for three hundred seventy-nine square feet of land, more or less, taken from said Flynn, being his estate numbered 3 Salter place, for school purposes, for an addition to the Hancock

School estate, Aug. 23, 1895 (said taking having been recorded Aug. 24, 1895), upon the said Flynn giving to the city a deed of said land satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Dorchester Historical Society; naming of school-house in honor of Roger Clapp.

DORCHESTER, MASS., June 13, 1896.

School Committee, City of Boston:

GENTLEMEN: At a last meeting of the Dorchester Historical Society, held at the "Blake House," Wednesday, June 10, 1896, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That we learn with much satisfaction that a proposition is before your honorable body to give the new school building on Harvest street the name of the Roger Clapp School.

Resolved, That in view of the fact that Roger Clapp was one of the most active, energetic, and public-spirited of the devoted Christian colonists who settled in Dorchester in the spring of 1630; that he served the town for many years as selectman, as representative to the Legislature, as commandant at the fort on Castle Island, and in almost every other office of usefulness, trust, or honor in town or church; that he was especially interested in the establishment of our system of free public education, taking a prominent part in the foundation of the first free school in 1639; that he held the love of the town to the last day of his long life of eighty-two years; for his forward earnestness in benevolent works; respect and honor throughout the whole Province for his ability and patriotic zeal for the public welfare; that no name in our annals presents itself to the mind of the student of history with more claims for his loving regard, and none more worthy emulation from those whose desire it is to "deserve well of their country," —

This Society most respectfully and earnestly prays that your honorable body may decide to bestow upon this handsome, commodious school-house the honored and venerated name of Roger Clapp.

WILLIS B. MENDUM,
Secretary.

Referred to Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

BROOKLINE, MASS., May 10, 1896.

MR. ISAAC F. PAUL, *President School Board:*

DEAR SIR: The Paul Revere Chapter of the D. A. R. at their last meeting, held May 7th, voted to ask authority from your Board, in forwarding their patriotic work, to place in the twenty-one schools of the third division a framed copy of the coats of arms of the thirteen original States.

Trusting that this will meet the approval of the Board,

I am, respectfully yours,

EMILY J. CARTWRIGHT,
Regent, Paul Revere Chapter.

Communication from Paul Revere chapter of the D. A. R.; placing in schools of framed copies of coats of arms of thirteen original States.

Referred to Committee on Drawing.

The President read a communication from Thomas Hills relative to the use of the Warrenton-street Chapel for school purposes.

Referred to Committee on School Houses.

The following order took its second reading:

Ordered, That section 102 of the Rules be amended as follows:

Section 102. Strike out the word "male," in the first line, and insert after the word "employed," in the same line, the words "after Sept. 1, 1896." Add the following to the section: "Provided that this restriction shall not apply to persons holding on the date named a certificate entitling them to fill such positions."

Amendment of Rules; instructors in High and Latin Schools to be graduates of college. [See p. 207.]

Passed.

The following order took its second reading:

Ordered, That section 103 of the Rules be amended as follows:

Section 103. Add the following paragraph to the section:

6. After this date all masters and sub-masters regularly employed in the Grammar Schools shall be graduates of colleges in good standing, or of institutions which confer degrees of a corresponding grade, excepting from the operation of this rule such persons as now hold certificates entitling them to hold such positions.

Amendment of Rules and Regulations; candidates for certificate, Grammar School, Class A, to be graduates of college. [See pp. 163, 206, 207.]

On motion of Mr. Lowell, the order was recommitted to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

The following order took its second reading:

Amendment of Regulations relative to corporal punishment. [See pp. 144, 206.]

Ordered, That section 221 of the Regulations be amended as follows:

Section 221. Insert after the word "scholar," in the eighth line, the words "shall not be inflicted in sight of other scholars."

Passed.

The following order took its second reading:

Amendment of Regulations; duties of Clerk of Committees. [See pp. 176, 206.]

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

Chapter X. — Add the following section to the chapter:

Section 143. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of Committees to attend the meetings of such committees as he may be requested to, to keep the records of their proceedings, and generally to assist the School Committee under the direction of the Secretary.

Passed.

The following order took its second reading:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations relative to salaries and ranks of instructors. [See pp. 203, 204, 205.]

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

Section 99. In the second line strike out the words "first and second"; in the fourth line strike out the words "two first assistants"; in the fifth line strike out the word "second"; in the eleventh line strike out the word "second" and substitute the word "an" for the word "a"; in the seventeenth line strike out the word "second"; in the eighteenth line strike out the words "and third"; in the nineteenth line strike out the words "second and third"; in the twenty-fifth line strike out the words "second or third" and the word "as"; in the twenty-sixth line strike out the words "the committee in charge shall determine."

Section 100. In the third line strike out the words "first assistants." Strike out the section after the words "and assistants," in the third line, to and including the word "employed," in the sixth line. In the twenty-first and twenty-fourth lines substitute the word "eleven" for the word "thirteen."

Section 103. In the second line substitute the words "assistants and" for the words "second and third." In paragraph 4, second line, strike out the word "third." In the schedule following section 103, on page 24, strike out the column referring to second assistants. In paragraph 5, second line, strike out the word "third."

Section 104. In the second line substitute the words "first assistants" for the word "second" and strike out the word "fourth."

Section 105. In the second line substitute the word "six" for the word "four." In the sixth line substitute the word "first" for the word "second." Strike out the balance of the section after the word "committee," in the eighth line.

Section 114. In the third line strike out the word "and," and insert after the word "instructors" the words "and an instructor of metal working."

Section 117. In the second line, after the word "probation," insert the following words: "as assistants in Grammar or Primary Schools." In the sixth and seventh lines strike out the words "or of one who is promoted in rank." Strike out all after the word "for," in the tenth line, to and including the word "service," in the thirteenth line, and substitute therefor the following: "six or more years' previous service."

Section 118. In the seventh line substitute the word "seven" for the word "thirteen"; in the eighth and ninth lines substitute the word "eighth" for the word "fourteenth"; in the ninth line substitute the word "salary" for the word "salaries"; in the tenth line insert after the word "of" the word "a," and substitute the words "assistant in Grammar Schools" for the words "and second assistants"; in the fourteenth line substitute the word "salary" for the word "salaries," and strike out the words "third and fourth"; in the fifteenth line substitute the words "an assistant" for the word "assistants"; in the seventeenth line substitute the word "eight" for the word "six"; in the eighteenth line substitute the word "ninth" for the word "seventh." Add the following paragraph to the section:

"The salary of a first assistant in Primary Schools shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding two years, so that a maximum rate shall be reached for the third and each subsequent year of service."

Section 119. In the third line, insert after the word "master" the word "and"; in the third and fourth lines strike out the words "and first assistants"; in the sixth line substitute the word "nine" for the word "thirteen"; in the seventh line substitute the word "tenth" for the word "fourteenth."

Section 120. In the first line substitute the word "salary" for the word "salaries"; insert the word "the" after the word "of" and strike out the words "and first and"; in the second line strike out the words "second assistants"; in the sixth line insert after the word "service" the following paragraph: "The salary of assistants shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding eight years, so that

the maximum rate shall be reached for the ninth and each subsequent year of service." Strike out the section after the word "service" in the tenth and eleventh lines, to and including the word "School" in the thirteenth line.

Section 125. In the fourth line substitute the word "four" for the word "three"; in the fifth line substitute the word "fifth" for the word "fourth."

Section 126. In the fourth line substitute the word "four" for the word "two"; in the fifth line substitute the word "fifth" for the word "third."

Section 127. In the fourth line substitute the word "eight" for the word "six"; in the fifth line substitute the word "ninth" for the word "seventh."

Section 129. Strike out the section and substitute the following:

"*Section* 129. The salaries of the teachers in the Mechanic Arts High School, excepting those of head-master and master, shall be established as follows: For junior-master, at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding eleven years, so that the maximum rate shall be reached for the twelfth and each subsequent year of service; for instructor, at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding seven years, so that the maximum rate shall be reached for the eighth and each subsequent year of service; for assistant instructor, at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding nine years, so that the maximum rate shall be reached for the tenth and each subsequent year of service; for instructor in metal working, at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding thirteen years, so that the maximum rate shall be reached for the fourteenth and each subsequent year of service."

Mr. Anderson moved that the order be laid on the table.

Lost.

The order passed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Superintendent of Schools; diplomas and medals awarded

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, June 18, 1896.

MR. ISAAC F. PAUL, *President of the School Committee:*

DEAR SIR: I transmit to you herewith, for preservation by the School Committee, five diplomas and medals awarded by the mana-

gers of the World's Columbian Exhibition, held at Chicago in the summer of 1893, for the exhibits of educational work made thereat by the city of Boston. These diplomas and medals are five in number, and they were awarded as follows: For course of study and work of pupils; for High School work; for work of Grammar School pupils; for Primary School work; for work by girls and boys in mechanics, arts, and manual training.

by managers of World's Columbian Exhibition.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

The letter was placed on file, and the diplomas and medals accepted by the Board.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committee in charge, reported the following nomination for reëlection, for the term ending Aug. 31, 1897:

Report of Committee on Nominations; reëlection of Clara A. Emerton.

Tileston District. — Third assistant, Clara A. Emerton (on probation).

Accepted, and the teacher reëlected for the term specified.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, presented the following resignation:

Director of Drawing. — Henry Hitchings, Sept. 1, 1896.

Resignation of Henry Hitchings, Director of Drawing.

Accepted.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, offered the following:

Ordered, That the plans and specifications for a Primary School-house on Robinson street, Dorchester, prepared by A. Warren Gould, architect, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the said A. Warren Gould is hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accordance with said plans and specifications; and the Committee on School Houses is hereby

Approval of plans of A. Warren Gould for Primary School-house, Robinson street, Dorchester.

authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same in accordance with said plans and specifications; and to make on behalf of this Board the necessary contracts for such work subject to the approval of the Mayor.

For the information of the Board the Chair read the following:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, June 16, 1896.

To the Committee on School Houses:

GENTLEMEN: I have carefully examined the plans for a Primary School-house of eight rooms on Robinson street, in the Dorchester district, which plans were prepared by A. Warren Gould, architect, 178 Devonshire street, Boston. These plans are fifteen in number: basement plan, first floor, second floor, and roof plans, front, rear and two side elevations, longitudinal and transverse sections, roof truss, first floor, second floor, and roof framing plans and block plan.

I have also read the specifications accompanying said plans. I find these plans to be those required by law to be prepared before work shall be commenced, and that they are those of a building well adapted to school purposes. These plans and specifications have my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

The order passed.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, offered the following:

Approval of plans of John Lyman Faxon for school-house at West End.

Ordered, That the plans and specifications for a Primary School-house at the corner of Chambers and Poplar streets, Boston, prepared by John Lyman Faxon, architect, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the said John Lyman Faxon is hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accordance with said plans and specifications; and

the Committee on School Houses is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same in accordance with said plans and specifications; and to make on behalf of this Board the necessary contracts for such work subject to the approval of the Mayor.

For the information of the Board the Chair read the following:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, June 16, 1896.

To the Committee on School Houses:

GENTLEMEN: I have examined with care the plans for a fourteen (14) room school-house at the corner of Chambers and Poplar streets, West End, prepared by John Lyman Faxon, architect, 7 Exchange place, Boston. Said plans are ten (10) in number; basement plan, first, second, third, and fourth floor plans, Chambers-street façade, Poplar-street façade, rear elevation, and two end elevations.

I have also read the specifications accompanying said plans. I find these plans to be those required by law to be prepared before work shall be commenced, and that they are those of a building well adapted to school purposes. These plans and specifications have my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

The order passed.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That there be paid to William J. Flynn the sum of three thousand dollars ($3,000), as payment for 379 square feet of land, more or less, being his estate numbered 3 Salter place, taken from said Flynn for school purposes for an addition to the Hancock School estate, Aug. 23, 1895 (said taking having been recorded Aug. 24, 1895), upon the said Flynn giving to the city a deed of said land satisfactory to the Law Department.

Purchase of land for enlargement of Hancock School-house lot.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Appropriation for enlargement of Hancock School-house lot.

Ordered, That out of the $500,000 granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following appropriation be made:

Hancock School, enlargement of lot, $3,000.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Purchase of land for site for new Dorchester High School-house.

Ordered, That there be paid to the trustees of the estate of E. J. Baker the sum of thirty-six thousand dollars ($36,000) as payment for 60,000 square feet of land, more or less, taken from them at the corner of Talbot avenue and Centre street, Dorchester, for school purposes, Feb. 11, 1896 (said taking having been recorded the same day), upon the said trustees giving to the city a deed of said land satisfactory to the Law Department.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Appropriation for site for new Dorchester High School-house.

Ordered, That out of the $500,000 granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following appropriation be made:

Dorchester High School-house site, $12,000.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Purchase of land for school purposes at West Roxbury.

Ordered, That there be paid to Ellen Murnaghan the sum of forty-seven hundred dollars ($4,700) as payment for 12,818 square feet of land taken from said Murnaghan at the corner of Walter and Hewlett streets, West Roxbury, for school purposes, Oct. 5, 1895 (said taking having been recorded Oct. 7, 1895), upon the said Murnaghan giving to the city a deed of said land satisfactory to the Law Department.

Report of Committee on School Houses;

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 28 — an order for the enlargement of

the club-house, Washington Allston District, reported that in the opinion of this committee the lot should be enlarged, and they therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

enlargement of club house lot, Washington Allston District. [See p. 148.]

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, a lot of land in the rear of the Allston Club-house property, now or formerly owned by John W. Hollis, containing 4,158 square feet, more or less, running back from the Allston Club-house lot about 60 feet, or a sufficient distance to allow the wall at the rear of the Washington Allston School lot to be extended in a straight line to a passageway on the westerly side of the club-house lot.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 28 — an order relative to placing windows in the southern side of the Baldwin School-house, reported that in the opinion of this committee it is inexpedient to place windows as recommended, for the reason that as soon as the new school-house at the West End is ready for occupancy, the Baldwin School-house will be abandoned for school purposes.

Report of Committee on School Houses; placing of windows in southern side of Baldwin School-house. [See p. 141.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 28 — an order requesting this committee to repair or wholly remove the lightning-rods from the Mather and Edward Everett School-houses, reported that this matter has been attended to, and no further action is necessary by the Board.

Report of Committee on School Houses; lightning-rods on Mather and Edward Everett School-houses. [See p. 144.]

Accepted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 28 — the petition of Abby C. Brad-

Report of Committee on School Houses;

petition of Abby C. Bradford *et als.*; tablet to be placed inside the Gibson School-house. [See p. 147.]

ford and others, relative to a tablet for the Gibson School, reported that the committee have given this matter their attention, and the tablet has been placed in position as requested by the petitioners. Your committee recommend that no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council relative to entrance to Genesee-street School-house. [See pp. 151, 152.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 12 — a communication from His Honor the Mayor, enclosing a communication from the Common Council relative to the entrance to the Genesee-street School-house, reported that this school-house has not yet been accepted by the School Committee, and before its acceptance a suitable entrance will be provided.

Report accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Report of Committee on School Houses; erection of flag-staffs. [See p. 70.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 11 — an order relative to the erection of flag-staffs on school buildings or within school yards, as provided by chapter 181 of the Acts of 1895, reported that the committee are supplying flag-staffs as rapidly as possible without incurring a great expense at any one time.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from City Council; sanitary condition of Cyrus Alger School-house. [See p. 155.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 28 — a communication from the City Council requesting the School Committee to investigate and report upon the sanitary condition of the Cyrus Alger School-house, reported that this matter will be taken up in connection with the general improvements in sanitation and ventilation now under consideration.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That out of the $500,000 granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following appropriation be made:

Appropriation for small wooden buildings.

Small wooden buildings, additional, $500.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was recommitted — June 9 — the report of this committee recommending that it was inexpedient to furnish the Roxbury High School with calisthenic apparatus at a cost not to exceed $700, reported that on further consideration this committee are of the opinion that the apparatus should be provided as requested in the order passed by the Board.

Report on Committee on School Houses; calisthenic apparatus for Roxbury High School. [See pp. 174, 195, 196.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 9 — a communication from His Honor the Mayor relative to the appropriation of $75,000 to be expended for improvements in school buildings, reported that the matter referred to in this communication has been fully considered by your committee, and the report submitted by them at the last meeting, in their opinion covers the whole subject. Your committee therefore recommend that no further action be taken by the Board.

Report on Committee on School Houses; communication from His Honor the Mayor; appropriation of $75,000 for improvements in school-houses. [See pp. 181, 182, 183, 184.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on Examinations, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order requesting this committee to consider and report upon the information and suggestion made by the Superintendent in relation to the reduction of the number of pupils in the classes of the Primary Schools, reported that the committee intend to take this matter into careful consideration and report at a future day. They

Report of Committee on Examinations; number of pupils in the classes in the Primary Schools.

recommend that no action be taken by the Board at the present time.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report on Committee on Examinations; special examination of candidates for positions as teachers. [See pp. 215, 216.]

Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 9 — an order that the Board of Supervisors hold a special examination of candidates for positions as teachers at some convenient time before Sept. 15, 1896, reported that at the present time there is an ample supply of certificated teachers, and if any special teacher is needed a special examination may be held. Your committee recommend that it is inexpedient to hold an examination as requested in the order referred.

Opinion of Superintendent.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the opinion of the Superintendent was requested.

The Superintendent stated that many persons holding certificates will be ready to serve in the Evening Schools in the fall, and that in his opinion their cases should be considered in preference to new candidates.

The report was accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, it was

Admission of candidates to the teachers' examinations, who have completed a satisfactory course of study in pedagogy. [See p. 119.]

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to report such amendments to the rules as will provide for the admission to the teachers' examinations college graduates who have, in the opinion of the Board of Supervisors, completed a satisfactory course of study in pedagogy, but who have not had a year's experience in teaching, or have not been graduated from the Boston Normal School, or from one of the State Normal Schools.

Report of Committee on

Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, to whom was

referred — May 26 — an order requesting this committee to inquire into and report upon the expediency of admitting to the Boston Normal School pupils who, without taking the whole course in that school, may be permitted to prepare themselves for teaching special subjects or in particular departments in less than the two years' time required for the whole course, reported that this committee have given the matter their careful consideration, and recommend that it is inexpedient to admit pupils as suggested in the order referred.

Examinations; admission of pupils to Normal School who shall be permitted to take less than two years' course. [See p. 177.]

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, the order was recommitted to the Committee on Examinations.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent be authorized to send, at his discretion, Supervisors to other cities and towns to observe the class-room work of teachers known to him to be desirable for service in Boston.

Sending of Supervisors to other cities and towns to observe class-room work.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to consider the advisability of abandoning the Union-street lot, Brighton.

Abandoning of Union-street lot, Brighton.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to consider the advisability of enlarging the Hobart-street School-house lot.

Enlargement of Hobart-street School-house lot.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to consider the advisability of constructing a new Primary ten-room building on the present Winship lot.

Erection of new Primary School-house on Winship lot.

Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, offered the following:

Additional sub-master in Washington Allston District.

Ordered, That an additional sub-master be allowed in the Washington Allston District.

The Chair stated that it would require a suspension of the rules to pass the order.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost, the necessary number not voting therefor.

Subsequently, on motion of Mrs. Keller, the vote whereby the Board refused to suspend the rules was reconsidered.

Mr. Strange moved that the rules be suspended.

Yeas and nays.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the yeas and nays were ordered on Mr. Strange's motion to suspend the rules.

Rules suspended.

The rules were suspended by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Blanchard, Calderwood, Davison, Dunn, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fowler, Gallivan, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Lowell, McDonald, Paul, Strange, and Wise — 19.

Nays: Mr. Adams — 1.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Hubbard, Liebmann, Page, and Wetmore.

The order passed.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Drawing, offered the following:

Placing of color work under direction of Committee on Drawing.

Ordered, That color work be placed under the direction of the Committee on Drawing.

Referred to Committee on Manual Training.

Report of Committee on Normal School; compensation to training teachers.

Mr. Adams, for the Committee on Normal School, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order relative to suitable compensation for training teachers in practice schools, reported that the committee have carefully considered the order and agree with the recom-

mendation of the Superintendent, as set forth in his report (School Document No. 4, 1895). The reasons are fully stated by the head-master of the Normal School in the supplement to the report referred to, and the committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider the advisability of amending the Rules and Regulations so as to provide that teachers serving as training teachers shall receive an extra compensation of five dollars a week during such service.

Mr. Anderson moved that the report and order be recommitted to the Committee on Normal School.

Lost.

Mr. Anderson moved that the order be laid on the table.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the order. Yeas and nays.

The order passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Blanchard, Calderwood, Dunn, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fowler, Gallivan, Hubbard, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Lowell, McDonald, Strange — 17.

Nays: Messrs. Davison, Huggan, Paul, and Wise — 4.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Liebmann, Page, and Wetmore.

Mr. Fowler, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Rules be amended as follows:

SECT. 2. Insert after the word "clerk," in the third line, the words "a Clerk of Committees." Election of a Clerk of Committees.

Passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; reports on sanitary condition of school-houses. [See p. 215.]

Mr. Fowler, for the same committee, to whom was referred—June 9—an order relative to the amendment of the Regulations so as to provide for a systematic supervision of the sanitary condition of school buildings, reported that the committee have carefully considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That section 53 of the Rules be amended by adding after the word "schools," in the third line, the following words: "They shall each year in the months of January and June call for a report from each master upon the sanitary condition of all buildings under his charge, and shall investigate all complaints and report the condition of buildings, with suggestions, to the Committee on School Houses."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; petition of training teachers for compensation. [See p. 177.]

Mr. Fowler, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 26 — a petition from the training teachers for compensation for their services, and, June 16, an order relating to the same, reported that in the opinion of this committee the request of the petitioners is a reasonable and a just one. The committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

SECT. 304. Insert after the word "teachers," in the fifth line, the following words: "whose compensation shall be not more than five dollars per week in addition to their regular salary."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Mr. Fowler offered the following:

Adjournment.

Ordered, That when the Board adjourn it adjourn to meet Tuesday evening, June 30, 1896, at 7.30 o'clock.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Fowler offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be and they are hereby requested and directed to cause the second or office floor of the school building on Mason street, occupied by this Board, to be divided and arranged more conveniently, especially to give the Secretary's department more room. The work to be done during the coming July and August.

Alterations in Mason-street building.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Annual Festival, to whom was referred — June 9 — an order that at the annual festival for 1896 the usual collation and presentation of bouquets be dispensed with, submitted the following report:

Report of Committee on Annual School Festival; collation and presentation of bouquets dispensed with at the annual school festival. [See p. 218.]

The majority of the committee is clearly of the opinion that it is highly desirable to save the expense of the bouquets and the collation, and that the diplomas should be presented at the festival instead of at the exhibitions in the various schools. But in order to bring about this change an amendment to the rules is necessary; and to make the change this year necessitates a suspension of the rules. It seems clear that the vote required to suspend the rules could not be carried in the Board with its present feeling.

Your committee is not willing to assume the responsibility of an annual festival without either bouquets or diplomas to be then presented; they, therefore, report that it is inexpedient to pass the order referred to them; but they would add the suggestion that, in the judgment of the said majority, it is expedient that the rules be so amended as after this year to permit the presentation of the diplomas at the annual festival, as proposed in Mrs. Fifield's order, which is to be found on page 216 of the Minutes.

The committee, therefore, recommend the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations report such amendment to the rules as is necessary to provide for the presentation of Grammar School diplomas at the annual festival instead of at the exhibitions in the various schools.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Blanchard, the order was laid on the table.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Manual Training, it was

Course of study in wood-working in print.

Ordered, That the Committee on Manual Training be allowed to present the course of study in wood-working in print.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following:

Pupils of Mechanic Arts High School included in disposition of Franklin medals.

Ordered, That this year and thereafter the pupils of the Mechanic Arts High School be included in the disposition of the Franklin medals.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the order was laid on the table.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following:

Four-year courses established in suburban High Schools.

Ordered, That four-year courses of study be established in all the suburban High Schools, to take effect Sept. 8, 1896.

Referred to the Committee on Examinations.

On motion of Mr. Blanchard, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Payment of salary due Hannah G. Gleason.

Ordered, That the salary due Hannah G. Gleason, late second assistant in the Quincy District (deceased), be paid to Miss Julia A. McIntyre.

Mr. Huggan, for the Committee on Salaries, presented the annual report of that committee in print. (School Document No. 6, 1896.) Annual Report of Committee on Salaries.

Appended to the report were the following orders:

1. *Ordered*, That the salaries of instructors of the public schools be fixed for the year ending August 31, 1897, as contained in the following schedule:

NORMAL SCHOOL.

Head-Master	$3,780
Sub-Masters, first year, $2,160; annual increase, $144; maximum,	2,880
Assistants, first year, $1,140; annual increase, $60; maximum	1,620

LATIN AND HIGH SCHOOLS.

Head-Masters	$3,780
Masters	3,060
Junior-Masters, first year, $1,476; annual increase (for eleven years), $144; salary for the twelfth and subsequent years, with the rank of Master	3,060
Assistant Principal	2,040
Assistants, first year, $972; annual increase, $72; maximum	1,620

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

Masters, first year, $2,580; annual increase, $120; maximum	$3,180
Sub-Masters, first year, $1,500; annual increase, $120; maximum	2,340
First Assistants, first year, $972; annual increase, $48; maximum	1,212
Assistants, first year, $552; annual increase, $48; maximum	936

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

First Assistants, first year, $984; annual increase, $48; maximum	$1,080
Assistants, first year, $552; annual increase, $48; maximum	936

KINDERGARTENS.

Principals, first year, $600; annual increase, $48; maximum	$792
Assistants, first year, $432; annual increase, $48; maximum	624

MECHANIC ARTS HIGH SCHOOL.

Head-Master	$3,780
Masters	3,060
Junior-Masters, first year, $1,476; annual increase (for eleven years), $144; salary for the twelfth and subsequent years, with the rank of Master	3,060
Instructors, first year, $1,500; annual increase, $120; maximum	2,340
Assistant Instructors, first year, $972; annual increase, $72; maximum	1,620

Instructor of Metal-Working, first year, $1,800; annual increase, $60; maximum	$2,580

SPECIAL INSTRUCTORS.

Special Instructors of Music	$2,640
Assistant Instructors of Music	888
Director of Drawing	3,000
[1] Assistant to Director of Drawing	2,508
Teacher of Chemistry, Girls' High School	1,620
Laboratory Assistant, " " "	804
" " Roxbury " "	804
Teacher of Physical Culture and Elocution, Girls' High School	1,200
" " " " Girls' Latin School	600
" " " " East Boston High School	300
" " " " Roxbury High School	1,200
Director of Kindergartens	2,880
Assistant teacher of the theory and practice of the Kindergarten, Normal School	1,380
Teacher of Songs and Games, Normal School	240
Director of French and German	3,000
Assistants	1,500
Director of Physical Training	3,000
Assistant	2,280
Horace Mann School for the Deaf:	
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Assistant Principal, first year, $1,068; annual increase, $60; maximum	1,308
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Teachers of sewing:

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Assistants, Evening High School (per evening) 4 00
Principals, Evening Elementary Schools, in schools where average attendance for month is 100 pupils or more (per evening), $5; in schools where average attendance for month is less than 100 (per evening) 4 00
First Assistants, Evening Elementary Schools, in schools where average attendance for month is 75 pupils or more (per evening), $2.50; in schools where average attendance for month is less than 75 (per evening) 2 00
Assistants, Evening Elementary Schools (per evening) . . . 2 00
[1] Masters, Evening Drawing Schools (per evening) 10 00
Principals, Evening Drawing Schools (per evening), first year, $7; second year and subsequently 8 00
Assistants, Evening Drawing Schools (per evening), first year, $4; second year, $5; third year and subsequently 6 00
Special Assistant Teachers, lowest classes Primary Schools (per day) 1 50
Special Assistant Teachers, Kindergartens (per week) . . . 5 00

2. *Ordered*, That the rank of first assistant in the Normal and High Schools be made that of assistant, dating from Sept. 1, 1896.

3. *Ordered*, That the ranks of second, third, and fourth assistants in the different grades of schools be made those of assistants in their respective grades, dating from Sept. 1, 1896.

4. *Ordered*, That the salary of the sub-master in the Normal School be fixed at the rate of twenty-four hundred and ninety-six dollars ($2,496) per annum until Dec. 23, 1896, when he shall be placed on the fourth year of the new schedule, twenty-five hundred and ninety-two dollars ($2,592) per annum.

5. *Ordered*, That the first assistants in the Normal School (old schedule) be placed upon the maximum salary of assistants in the Normal School, sixteen hundred and twenty dollars ($1,620) per annum, dating from Sept. 1, 1896, it being the same salary they are now receiving.

6. *Ordered*, That the second assistants in the Normal School (old schedule) who are now receiving the maximum salary, thirteen hundred and

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eighty dollars ($1,380) per annum, be placed upon the sixth year of the new schedule for assistants, fourteen hundred and forty dollars ($1,440) per annum, dating from Sept. 1, 1896.

7. *Ordered*, That all other second assistants in the Normal School (old schedule) receive the same salary they are now receiving until the anniversary of their appointment, when they shall receive the next higher salary in the new schedule for assistants, and continue to increase until the maximum salary of the rank is reached.

8. *Ordered*, That the masters in the Latin and High Schools whose salary under the old schedule, Sept. 1, 1896, would be at the rate of twenty-eight hundred and eighty dollars ($2,880) per annum, be placed upon the eleventh year of the new schedule, twenty-nine hundred and sixteen dollars ($2,916) per annum from that date.

9. *Ordered*, That all junior-masters in the Latin and High Schools, including the Mechanic Arts High School, receive the same salary they are now receiving until the anniversary of their appointment, when they shall receive the next higher salary in the new schedules, and continue to increase until the maximum salary of the position, and the rank of master, is reached.

10. *Ordered*, That the first assistant in the Girls' High School (old schedule) be placed upon the maximum salary of assistants in High Schools, sixteen hundred and twenty dollars ($1,620) per annum, dating from Sept. 1, 1896, it being the same salary she is now receiving.

11. *Ordered*, That assistants in High Schools and assistant instructors in the Mechanic Arts High School whose salary under the old schedules, Sept. 1, 1896, would be at the rate of thirteen hundred and eighty dollars ($1,380) per annum, shall be placed on the seventh year, respectively, of the new schedules, fourteen hundred and four dollars ($1,404) per annum from that date; and that all other teachers of the ranks above-named shall receive the same salary they are now receiving until the anniversary of their appointment, when they shall receive the next higher salary, respectively, in the new schedules, and continue to increase until the maximum salary of the rank is reached.

12. *Ordered*, That principals of Grammar Schools, with the rank of master, Sept. 1, 1896, be placed upon the fourth year of the new schedule, twenty-nine hundred and forty dollars ($2,940) per annum, from that date.

13. *Ordered*, That all sub-masters of Grammar Schools and instructors in the Mechanic Arts High School who were receiving Sept. 1, 1895, the maximum salary of the old schedule, twenty-two hundred and eighty dollars ($2,280) per annum, be placed upon the maximum salary of the new schedule, twenty-three hundred and forty dollars ($2,340) per annum, dating from Sept. 1, 1896; and that all other teachers of the ranks above-named shall receive the same salary they are now receiving until the anniversary of their appointment, when they shall receive the next higher salary in the new schedule, and continue to increase until the maximum salary of the rank is reached.

14. *Ordered*, That Darius Hadley, Henry F. Sears, Charles F. Kimball, and T. Henry Wason each receive one hundred and twenty dollars ($120) per annum, dating from Sept. 1, 1896, in addition to the maximum salary of their rank, on account of their long service in the public schools.

15. *Ordered*, That all first assistants in Grammar Schools who are now receiving nine hundred dollars ($900), or nine hundred and thirty-six dollars ($936), per annum (old schedule), be placed upon the first year of the new schedule, nine hundred and seventy-two dollars ($972) per annum, dating from Sept. 1, 1896; and that those who were on the maximum salary of the old schedule Sept. 1, 1895, be placed on the fourth year of the new schedule, eleven hundred and sixteen dollars ($1,116) per annum, dating from Sept. 1, 1896; all other first assistants in Grammar Schools shall receive the same salary they are now receiving until the anniversary of their appointment, when they shall receive the next higher salary in the new schedule, and continue to increase until the maximum salary of the rank is reached.

16. *Ordered*, That all third and fourth assistants in Grammar and Primary Schools who are now receiving four hundred and fifty-six dollars ($456), or five hundred and four dollars ($504), per annum, be placed upon the first year of the new schedule for assistants in Grammar and Primary Schools, five hundred and fifty-two dollars ($552) per annum, dating from Sept. 1, 1896; and that those who were on the maximum salary of the old schedule Sept. 1, 1895, be placed upon the sixth year of the new schedule, seven hundred and ninety-two dollars ($792) per annum, dating from Sept. 1, 1896; all other teachers of the above-named ranks shall receive the same salary they are now receiving until the anniversary of their appointment, when they shall receive the next higher salary in the new schedule for assistants in Grammar and Primary Schools, and continue to increase until the maximum salary of their rank is reached.

17. *Ordered*, That the provisions in Order No. 16 be applied to instructors in the Schools of Cookery, in the same manner.

18. *Ordered*, That all second assistants in Grammar and Primary Schools (old schedule) who would receive Sept. 1, 1896, eight hundred and sixteen dollars ($816), or less, per annum, be placed upon the seventh year of the new schedule for assistants in Grammar and Primary Schools, eight hundred and forty dollars ($840) per annum, dating from Sept. 1, 1896; and that those who would receive Sept. 1, 1896, more than eight hundred and sixteen dollars ($816) per annum (old schedule), be placed upon the eighth year of the new schedule, eight hundred and eighty-eight dollars ($888) per annum, dating from Sept. 1, 1896.

19. *Ordered*, That principals and assistants of Kindergartens who received the maximum salary of their position Sept. 1, 1895, be placed upon the fourth year, respectively, of the new schedules, dating from Sept. 1, 1896; and that all other teachers of the ranks above-named shall receive the same salary they are now receiving until the anniversary of their appointment, when they shall receive the next higher salary, respectively, in the new

schedules, and continue to increase until the maximum salary of the rank is reached.

20. *Ordered*, That the Instructor of Metal-Working in the Mechanic Arts High School be placed on the sixth year of the new schedule, twenty-one hundred dollars ($2,100) per annum, dating from Sept. 4, 1896.

21. *Ordered*, That assistant instructors in Manual Training Schools who were on the maximum salary of the old schedule Sept. 1, 1895, be placed upon the fourth year of the new schedule, nine hundred and forty-eight dollars ($948) per annum, dating from Sept. 1, 1896; and that all other above-named teachers shall receive the same salary they are now receiving until the anniversary of their appointment, when they shall receive the next higher salary in the new schedule, and continue to increase until the maximum salary of the rank is reached.

22. *Ordered*, That Masters elected as Principals of High Schools whose average whole number for the preceding school year exceeds one hundred pupils, receive $288; Sub-Masters, in Grammar Schools, elected as Principals, $216, — each, in addition to the regular salary of the rank.

23. *Ordered*, That the salaries of temporary teachers of the following-named ranks be fixed at the following rates, for each day of actual service: Temporary Junior-Master, $5; Assistant, High Schools, $2.50; Sub-Master, Grammar Schools, $4; Instructor, Mechanic Arts High School, $4; Assistant, Grammar or Primary Schools, $2; Assistant Instructor in Schools of Cookery, $2.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Gallivan offered an amendment which provided that the salaries of the instructors in the Normal School and in the Mechanic Arts High School, and of the masters and junior-masters in the High and Latin Schools, and of the masters and sub-masters in the Grammar Schools be the same as last year, the other salaries to be as reported by the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Wise raised the point of order that the amendment offered by Mr. Gallivan was not according to the rules as amended to-night.

The Chair ruled that the point of order was well taken, and that the amendment was not in order.

Mr. Fowler moved to suspend the rules, in order that Mr. Gallivan's amendment might be entertained.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost.

Mr. Lowell moved the substitution of Mr. Gallivan's amendment, with the exception that under Normal School the salary of assistants to be as in the new bill.

Mr. Wise raised the point of order that the other portions of the substitute order offered by Mr. Lowell do not conform to changes in the rules previously passed.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

Mr. Anderson moved that the first order be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Anderson the yeas and nays were ordered on the motion to lay on the table. Yeas and nays.

Mr. Anderson's motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Anderson, Gallivan, McDonald, Paul, and Strange — 5.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, Fowler, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bassett, Blanchard, Calderwood, Davison, Dunn, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fowler, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Lowell and Wise — 16.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Liebmann, Page, and Wetmore.

Mr. Lowell raised the point of order that Order 1 offered by the Committee on Salaries does not conform to section 119 as amended.

The Chair ruled that the point of order was well taken.

Mr. Fowler moved that section 119 of the Rules be suspended.

Mr. Anderson moved as an amendment to Mr. Fowler's motion that all rules referring to salaries passed to-night be suspended.

Mr. Anderson's motion to amend passed.

Mr. Fowler moved that the motion to suspend the rules be laid on the table.

Lost by a vote of 9 to 10.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost, the necessary number not voting therefor.

Mr. Lowell offered the bill previously offered by Mr. Gallivan, with necessary changes to conform to the rules.

Mr. Wise moved as a substitute the order presented by the Committee on Salaries, and moved that all rules that prevent the passage of the order be suspended.

Mr. Allen raised the point of order that as Mr. Lowell's order was practically a new salary bill it should, under the rules, be referred to the Committee on Salaries.

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken.

Mr. Anderson raised the point of order that Mr. Wise's motion had been before the Board and been disposed of.

The Chair ruled that the point of order was well taken.

Mr. Wise appealed from the decision of the Chair.

Mr. Gallivan moved to adjourn.

Lost.

The Board refused to sustain the decision of the Chair by a vote of 5 to 14.

Mr. Wise's motion to suspend the rules was lost.

Yeas and nays.

Mr. Wise doubted the vote, and on his motion the yeas and nays were ordered.

Rules suspended.

The motion to suspend the rules passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bassett, Blanchard, Calderwood, Davison, Dunn, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fowler, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Lowell, McDonald, and Wise — 17.

Nays: Messrs. Anderson, Gallivan, Paul, and Strange — 4.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Liebmann, Page, and Wetmore.

Mr. Anderson asked for a division of the salary bill offered by Mr. Wise, and that it be taken up item by item.

Mr. Fowler moved the previous question.

Mr. Fowler's motion passed.

Mr. Wise's motion to substitute passed.

Order 1 was taken up item by item as follows:

Normal School:

Head-master, $3,780.

Passed.

Sub-masters, first year, $2,160; annual increase, $144; maximum, $2,880.

Mr. Lowell moved as an amendment the following:

Sub-masters, first year, $2,196; annual increase, $60; maximum, $2,496.

Mr. Lowell's motion was lost.

The item was passed.

Assistants, first year, $1,140; annual increase, $60; maximum, $1,620.

Passed.

Latin and High Schools:

Head-masters, $3,780.

Passed.

Masters, $3,060.

Mr. Lowell moved as an amendment the following:

Masters, $2,880.

Mr. Lowell's motion was lost.

The item passed.

Junior-masters, first year, $1,476; annual increase (for eleven years), $144; salary for the twelfth and subsequent years, with the rank of master, $3,060.

Mr. Lowell moved as an amendment the following:

Junior-masters, first year, $1,008; annual increase (for thirteen years), $144; salary for the fourteenth and subsequent years, with the rank of master, $2,880.

Mr. Lowell's motion to amend was lost.

The item passed.

Assistant principal, $2,040.

Mr. Anderson moved as an amendment the following:

Assistant principal, $1,800.

Mr. Anderson's motion was lost.

The item passed.

Assistants, first year, $972; annual increase, $72; maximum, $1,620.

Passed.

Grammar Schools:

Masters, first year, $2,580; annual increase, $120; maximum, $3,180.

Mr. Anderson moved as an amendment the following:

Masters, first year, $2,580; annual increase, $60; maximum, $2,880.

Mr. Anderson's motion was lost.

The item passed.

Sub-masters, first year, $1,500; annual increase, $120; maximum, $2,340.

Passed.

Mr. Wise moved that the next six items be taken up together.

Mr. Wise's motion passed.

Yeas and nays. On motion of Mr. Gallivan the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the six items.

The items passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Blanchard, Calderwood, Davison, Dunn, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fowler, Gallivan, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Lowell, McDonald, Paul, Strange, and Wise — 20.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Adams, Liebmann, Page, and Wetmore.

Mechanic Arts High School:

Head-master, $3,780.

Passed.

Masters, $3,060.

Passed.

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Passed.

Instructors, first year, $1,500; annual increase, $120; maximum, $2,340.

Passed.

Assistant instructors, first year, $972; annual increase, $72; maximum, $1,620.

Passed.

Instructor of metal working, first year, $1,800; annual increase, $60; maximum, $2,580.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the remaining items were taken up together.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTORS.

Special Instructors of Music	$2,640
Assistant Instructors of Music	888
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[1] Assistant to Director of Drawing	2,508
Teacher of Chemistry, Girls' High School	1,620
Laboratory Assistant, " " "	804
" " Roxbury " "	804
Teacher of Physical Culture and Elocution, Girls' High School	1,200
" " " " Girls' Latin School	600
" " " " East Boston High School	300
" " " " Roxbury High School	1,200
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Assistant teacher of the theory and practice of the Kindergarten, Normal School	1,380

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Special Assistant Teachers, Kindergartens (per week) . . .	5 00

The items passed.

On motion of Mr. Wise, Orders 2 to 23, inclusive, were taken up together. (See pp. 251–254.)

The orders passed.

Mr. Wise moved a reconsideration of all the orders, hoping his motion would not prevail.

Lost.

Mr. Fowler offered the following:

Ordered, That section 119 of the Rules and Regulations be amended by striking out the word "nine," in the sixth line, and inserting in place thereof the word "eleven."

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Fowler, the rules were suspended, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; teachers of ungraded classes in Third Division made second assistants. [See pp. 140, 141.]

Mr. Huggan, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — April 28 — an order that the teachers of the ungraded classes in the Third Division be made second assistants instead of third assistants, reported that inasmuch as regular teachers of ungraded classes are included among assistants whose pay the committee have proposed shall reach a maximum of $936, which is $120 more than they would receive in the grade of second assistants as constituted when the subject was referred, further action is unnecessary at this time.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Huggan, for the same committee, it was

Report of Committee on Salaries; advance in salary of instructors.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to report such changes in the rules as will accomplish the following object:

That no instructors elected on probation, with the exception of those designated as exceptions in section 82, shall be advanced in the pay of their grade from the amounts paid upon their election. That upon the confirmation of such instructors they shall advance in their grades for four years, and shall not further advance until they have been elected on tenure, when they shall be advanced as at present.

Mr. Huggan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of chief truant officer and truant officers.

Ordered, That the salary of the chief truant officer be fixed at the rate of nineteen hundred dollars ($1,900) per annum, to date from Sept. 1, 1896; and that the salary of the truant officers be fixed at the rate of thirteen hundred dollars ($1,300) each, per annum, to date from Sept. 1, 1896.

On motion of Mr. Blanchard, the order was referred to the Committee on Truant Officers.

Report of Committee on Salaries; title of master's assistant in Grammar Schools restored. [See p. 146.]

Mr. Huggan, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 28 — an order that the rank of master's assistant be restored, reported that inasmuch as the rank of first assistant will be very much improved when the changes recommended by this committee go into effect, the committee deem further action inadvisable. It is the hope of this committee, since hearing the testimony of Supervisors, masters and teachers, that the grade of first assistant will ultimately be bestowed for length of service and marked efficiency in the school building, regardless of whether that service has been in the master's room or one of the lower class rooms. With regard to the other portion of the same order

which provides for a special certificate of qualification for this rank, the committee are of the opinion that it would be expedient for the Supervisors, when more first assistants are needed either in the Grammar or Primary Schools, to hold an examination of all candidates for promotion. The committee therefore recommend that this matter be referred to the Committee on Examinations for action.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Salaries; matters referred. [See pp. 71, 117, 118, 146, 147, 162, 175.]

Mr. Huggan, for the same committee, reported that the following matters referred to this committee on the dates mentioned have received their careful attention, and the committee have embodied the requests of the petitioners in the report of this committee already submitted.

February 11: Petitions from assistants in High and Latin Schools.

March 24: Petition of sub-masters, Grammar Schools.

April 28: Petition from women teachers, Grammar and Primary Schools.

May 12 and 26: Petitions from citizens relative to payment of women teachers; all these petitions being relative to salary of different ranks.

Your committee report that no further action by the Board is necessary upon these petitions.

Accepted.

Mr. Bassett offered the following:

Supervisors' examination for positions of first assistants in Primary Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Examinations is hereby authorized and instructed to order a Supervisors' examination of candidates for the positions of first assistants in the Primary Schools, the examination to be of

such a character as the Committee on Examinations and the Supervisors may agree upon, and to be held before or during September next.

Referred to the Committee on Examinations.

Mr. Bassett offered the following:

No person appointed to positions of first assistants in Primary Schools who has not passed an examination.

Ordered, That no person shall be appointed to the position of first assistant in the Primary Schools who has not passed an examination by the Board of Supervisors, under the direction of the Committee on Examinations.

Referred to the Committee on Examinations.

On motion of Mr. Fowler, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary pro tem.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 30, 1896.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Liebmann and Page.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the records of the preceding meeting were amended as follows: Records amended.

Page 255, in the recording of the yeas and nays, under nays strike out after the word "Adams" the word "Fowler," and substitute in place thereof the word "Allen."

On motion of Mr. Adams, the reading of the records of June 16 and of June 18 was omitted, the Board approving them as printed, as amended.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Clerk of Committees; use of school-houses for children's entertainments.

CLERK OF COMMITTEES DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF BOSTON, CITY HALL, June 24, 1896.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, ESQ., *Secretary of the School Committee:*

DEAR SIR: Will you please make the necessary arrangements in order that the Committee on Children's Celebrations may have the use of the following-named schools on July fourth next, viz.:

Cyrus Alger, Seventh street, South Boston; Blackinton, Orient Heights, East Boston; Dudley, Dudley street, Roxbury.

Kindly see that the necessary instructions are given for the use of the schools in addition to those already obtained, and oblige,

Yours very truly,
JOHN F. DEVER,
Clerk of Committees.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Stuart Fund Association; gift to Stuart School.

STUART FUND ASSOCIATION,
BOSTON, June 8, 1896.

MR. EDWARD P. SEAVER:

MY DEAR SIR: After reading enclosed kindly consider if it would not be the patriotic thing to recommend naming the new school, Dorchester, Richmond street, "Stuart" or "Gilbert Stuart" School.

I will give Stuart's portrait, also his portraits of George Washington and Martha his wife, to the school. This will be the first recognition of the great master.

Invariably yours,
FRANK T. ROBINSON,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The following order took its second reading:

Ordered, That the rules be amended as follows:

Election of Clerk of Committees. [See p. 245.]

SECT. 2. Insert after the word "clerk," in the third line, the words "a Clerk of Committees."

Passed.

The following order took its second reading:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations; compensation to training teachers. [See pp. 177, 244, 245, 246.]

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

SECT. 304. Insert after the word "teachers," in the fifth line, the following words: "whose compensation shall be not more than five dollars per week in addition to their regular salary."

Mr. Wise raised the point of order that under the rules the order should be referred to the Committee on Salaries.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

Mr. Fowler moved that the rules be suspended.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost, the necessary number not voting therefor.

On motion of Mr. Wise, the order was referred to the Committee on Salaries.

The following order took its second reading:

Ordered, That section 53 of the Rules be amended by adding after the word "schools," in the third line, the following words: "They shall each year in the months of January and June call for a report from each master upon the sanitary condition of all buildings under his charge, and shall investigate all complaints and report the condition of buildings, with suggestions, to the Committee on School Houses.

Amendment of Rules; reports on sanitary condition of school-houses. [See pp. 215, 246.]

Passed.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following:

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Chapman District. — Sarah F. Tenney, second assistant, Sept. 1, 1896.

Resignations.

Lyman District. — Jane A. McLellan, first assistant, Sept. 8, 1896; Lillian G. Plummer, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1896.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Adams District. — Helen L. Dennison, fourth assistant, from June 16, 1896.

Temporary teachers.

Charles Sumner District. — Mary M. A. Twombly, third assistant, from May 3, 1896.

Dwight District. — Mary E. Clapp, fourth assistant, from May 6, 1896, to May 14, 1896.

Everett District. — Anetta F. Armes, third assistant, from May 18, 1896.

Lyman District. — Katharine G. Garrity, third assistant, from June 16, 1896; Helen Harvie, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Everett Kindergarten. — Anna Stetson, assistant, from June 4, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Dorchester High School. — Jane A. McLellan, assistant, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Bennett District. — Charles F. Merrick, sub-master, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Lyman District. — Cora F. Murphy, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Sept. 8, 1896; Katharine G. Garrity, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Latin School. — Selah Howell, junior-master.

Chapman District. — Catherine F. Atwood, fourth assistant.

Warren District. — Georgietta Sawyer, third assistant.

Kindergarten.

Kettell Building. — Sara K. Savary, assistant.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

TRANSFERS.

Transfer of teachers.

Bennett District. — Edwin F. Kimball, sub-master, to the same position in the Stoughton District, to date from Sept. 1, 1896.

Stoughton District. — Clara A. Brown, third assistant, to the same position in the Chapman District, to date from Sept. 1, 1896.

Accepted, and the transfers confirmed.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committee in charge, the following-named substitute was approved by the Board: Substitute approved.

Horace Mann School. — Stella E. Weaver, substitute for Kate F. Hobart, assistant, granted leave of absence.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, nominated for election the following-named principals of Evening Schools for the term 1896–97; the term of service of the principals herein nominated to date from Sept. 28, 1896: Election of principals of Evening Schools.

Evening High School. — Benjamin Tenney, headmaster.

Bigelow School. — John D. Philbrick.

Comins School. — John E. Butler.

Dearborn School. — John S. Richardson.

Eliot School. — Walter Mooers.

Franklin School. — Augustine L. Rafter.

Lincoln School. — Gustavus F. Guild.

Lyman School. — Edward P. Sherburne.

Quincy School. — Alanson H. Mayers.

Warren School. — James H. Leary.

Wells School. — Charles E. Harris.

Accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot for principals of Evening Schools. Ballot.

The Chair appointed Mr. Gallivan, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Calderwood a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 22; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 13.

Evening High School. — Benjamin Tenney, head-master, had 22 votes.

Bigelow School. — John D. Philbrick had 22 votes.

Comins School. — John E. Butler had 22 votes.

Dearborn School. — John S. Richardson had 22 votes.

Eliot School. — Walter Mooers had 22 votes.

Franklin School. — Augustine L. Rafter had 22 votes.

Lincoln School. — Gustavus F. Guild had 22 votes.

Lyman School. — Edward P. Sherburne had 22 votes.

Quincy School. — Alanson H. Mayers had 22 votes.

Warren School. — James H. Leary had 22 votes.

Wells School. — Charles E. Harris had 22 votes.

Principals of Evening Schools elected.

The several principals of Evening Schools, nominated by the committee, having received the necessary number of votes, were accordingly declared elected principals of the designated Evening Schools.

Report of Committee on School Houses; naming of school house in honor of Gilbert Stuart.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — March 10 — a communication from Stephen M. Crosby and others asking that the name Gilbert Stuart be given to one of the new school-houses, reported that in the opinion of this committee the name is an eminently fit one to be bestowed upon a school-house in our city. They recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the new school-house on Richmond street, in the Stoughton District, be named the Gilbert Stuart School.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That inasmuch as it is probable that there may be another meeting of the Board before the summer recess, the Committee on School Houses be allowed further time in which to present their report upon the order referred to them — May 12 — relative to the provision of bathing facilities in the Paul Revere School-house and in the new school-house in the Wells District, this committee not having been able to give the matter the consideration which in their judgment it deserves, owing to the press of business before them.

Request of Committee on School Houses for further time to report on subject of bathing facilities. [See p. 163.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, who were requested — June 18 — to consider the advisability of constructing a new Primary ten-room building on the present Winship lot, reported that after careful consideration your committee are of the opinion that it is inexpedient to construct a building as suggested in the order.

Report of Committee on School Houses; erection of new Primary School-house on Winship lot. [See p. 243.]

Accepted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom were referred — May 26 — an order that the new school-house on Harvest street, Dorchester, be named the Roger Clap School, and — June 18 — a petition from the Dorchester Historical Society containing the same request, reported that the committee have given the matter their careful consideration, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Report of Committee on School Houses; naming of school-house in honor of Roger Clap. [See p. 230.]

Ordered, That the new school-house on Harvest street, Dorchester, be named the Roger Clap School.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 18 — a communication from His Honor the Mayor enclosing a communication from the Common Council relative to the use of the school-house yards by children for recreation between the

Report of Committee on School Houses; use of school-house yards. [See p. 228.]

hours of eight A.M. and six P.M., reported that this matter has been brought to our attention several times. This committee are in sympathy with the desire to provide a safe playground for the children, but in view of the difficulty of maintaining a proper supervision of the use of the school-house yards outside of school hours, and the probable damage that would result to the school buildings by the unrestricted use of said yards by the children, they recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that it is inexpedient to recommend the use of the yards as suggested.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Report of Committee on School Houses; windows in Somerset-street School-house. [See p. 218.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 9 — an order that two windows be placed in the west side of the Somerset-street School-house, in the Bowdoin District, reported that in the opinion of this committee the windows should be provided as suggested in the order. Your committee have given instructions relative to the matter, and report that no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; sanitary condition of Wise Hall. [See p. 217.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 9 — an order requesting this committee, on account of the sanitary condition of Wise Hall, to provide other accommodations for the children at present attending the school in said hall, reported that this committee have ascertained that the new Primary School-house on Beech street, Roslindale, will probably be completed for occupancy when the schools open in September. This building will provide for the school in Wise Hall, and your committee recommend that no further action is necessary on the order referred.

Accepted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 18 — a communication from the Common Council relative to the use of the basement of the Emerson School-house for ward-room purposes, reported that the ward-room for that district is at present located in the Chapman School-house. Your committee recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed that in the judgment of this Board it is inexpedient to transfer the ward-room from the Chapman School-house to the Emerson School-house.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from Common Council relative to use of basement of Emerson School-house for ward-room purposes. [See p. 228.]

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the Common Council.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 18 — an order relative to changes in the second floor of the School Committee building, Mason street, reported that this committee have considered the matter, and recommend that the following order ought to pass:

Report of Committee on School Houses; alterations in Mason-street building. [See p. 247.]

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be and they are hereby authorized and directed to cause the second or office floor of the School Committee building on Mason street occupied by this Board to be divided and arranged more conveniently, especially to give the Secretary's Department more room, the work to be done during the coming July and August.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That out of the $500,000 granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following appropriation be made:

Appropriation for wooden building in yard of Lowell School-house.

Two-room wooden building in yard of Lowell school-house (building and furnishing), $2,300

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Appropriation for wooden building in yard of Chapman School-house.

Ordered, That out of the $500,000 granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following appropriation be made:

Two-room wooden building in yard of Chapman school-house (building and furnishing), $2,300

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Use of school-houses for children's entertainments, July 4, 1896.

Ordered, That the use of the Cyrus Alger, Blackinton, and Dudley School-houses be granted to the City Council for children's entertainments, July 4, 1896.

Report of Committee on School Houses; boundary lines of Harvest-street School. [See p. 216.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 9 — an order to define the boundary lines of the new Harvest-street School, reported that the following order ought to pass:

Ordered, That a new district be formed in the Ninth Division, bounded as follows:

Beginning at the point where the New York & New England Railroad crosses West Cottage street; thence by the rear of the south side of West Cottage street to Edward Everett square; thence by the outside line of Edward Everett square to West Cottage street; thence by the rear of the south side of West Cottage street to Dorchester avenue; thence by the rear of the west side of Dorchester avenue to Harbor View street; thence by the rear of the south side of Harbor View street continued to the water; thence by the water to the former boundary line between South Boston and Dorchester; thence by said boundary line to the New York & New England Railroad; thence by the New York & New England Railroad to the point of beginning.

That the boundary lines of the Hugh O'Brien District be as follows:

Beginning at the junction of Winthrop street and Blue Hill avenue; thence by the centres of Blue Hill avenue, Dudley, and Hampden streets to Eustis street; thence by the rear of the southerly side of Eustis street to and including No. 270; thence by a direct line to Gerard street; thence by both sides of Gerard street to Massachusetts avenue; thence by the centres of Massachusetts avenue, Swett and Northampton streets to the former boundary line between Boston and Roxbury; thence by said boundary line to the South

Bay; thence by the water to the point where the former boundary line between South Boston and Dorchester crosses the New York & New England Railroad; thence by said railroad to Bird street; thence by the centre of Bird and Wayland streets to Hartford street; thence by the rear of the easterly side of Hartford street to Cunningham street; thence by the rear of the northerly side of Cunningham street to Howard avenue; thence by the centres of Howard avenue, Brookford street, and Blue Hill avenue to the point of beginning.

That the boundary lines of the Edward Everett District be as follows:

Beginning at the point where West Cottage street crosses the New York & New England Railroad; thence by the rear of the south side of West Cottage street to Edward Everett square; thence by outside line of Edward Everett square to West Cottage street; thence by the rear of the south side of West Cottage street to Dorchester avenue; thence by the rear of the west side of Dorchester avenue to Harbor View street; thence by the rear of the south side of Harbor View street continued to the water; thence following the shore around Cow pasture and Savin Hill to the Old Colony & Newport Railroad; thence by the Old Colony & Newport Railroad to Bay street; thence by the north side of Bay street to Dorchester avenue; thence by the centres of Dorchester and Savin Hill avenues to Pleasant street; thence by the centre of Sawyer avenue to Cushing avenue; thence by the centre of Cushing avenue to its junction with Sawyer avenue at the summit of Jones hill; thence by a direct line to Glendale street; thence by the centre of Glendale and Columbia streets to Quincy street; thence by the rear of the southerly side of Quincy street to the New York & New England Railroad; thence by said railroad to West Cottage street; thence by the centre of West Cottage street to the point of beginning.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Payment to Marion J. Bates.

Ordered, That the sum of six hundred eighty-seven and $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars ($687.50) be paid to Marion J. Bates, widow of Phineas Bates, the same being for extra services performed by him during the past year, in addition to the duties required of him as Secretary of this Board.

Report of Committee on Drawing; communication from Paul Revere Chapter, D.A.R.; framed copies of coats of arms of thirteen original States.
[See p. 231.]

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Drawing, to whom was referred — May 10 — a communication from the Paul Revere Chapter of the D.A.R., asking authority to place framed copies of the coats of arms of the thirteen original States in the schools of the Third Division, reported that the following order ought to pass:

Ordered, That the gift of framed copies of the coats of arms of the thirteen original States be accepted, and that the thanks of this Board be extended to the Paul Revere Chapter of the D.A.R. for their generous and patriotic gift to the twenty-one schools of the Third Division.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Truant Officers.
[See p. 262.]

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Truant Officers, to whom was referred — June 18 — an order establishing the salaries of the truant officers from Sept. 1, 1896, reported that they have given the matter careful consideration, and recommend the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the salary of the truant officers be fixed at the rate of thirteen hundred dollars ($1,300) each per annum, to date from Sept. 1, 1896.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the Second Division, offered the following:

Leave of absence to Inez Haynes without pay.

Ordered, That leave of absence from Sept. 1, 1896, to Sept. 1, 1897, without pay, be granted to Inez Haynes, third assistant in the Frothingham District.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Orders appended to report of Committee on Text-Books.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, the orders appended to the report of the Committee on Text-Books were taken from the table.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, Order 7 was amended

by adding the following words to the order: "To be furnished as new text-books are needed."

Mr. Fowler moved that the first fifty-two orders be taken up together, as follows:

1. *Ordered*, That "The Children's Primer" (Cyr), published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the third class of the Primary Schools.

2. *Ordered*, That "Stories for Children" (Lane), published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the third class of the Primary Schools.

3. *Ordered*, That "Fairy Tale and Fable" (Thompson), published by the New Century Educational Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the third class of the Primary Schools.

4. *Ordered*, That "Twilight Stories" (Foulke), published by Silver, Burdett, & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the first class of the Primary Schools.

5. *Ordered*, That one set of thirty copies of "The Children's Second Reader" (Cyr), published by Ginn & Co., be furnished to each Primary School building in which there is a second class, and an extra set of thirty copies to each Primary School building in which there are three or more second classes.

6. *Ordered*, That the purchase of reading charts be discontinued.

7. *Ordered*, That Hazen's Fourth Reader, published by E. H. Butler & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the third and second classes of the Grammar Schools, to be furnished as new text-books are needed.

8. *Ordered*, That "Elements of Philosophy" (Cooley), published by Thompson, Brown, & Co., be

dropped from the list of text-books authorized for use in the first classes of the Grammar Schools.

9. *Ordered*, That "Elementary Lessons in Physics" (Gifford), published by Thompson, Brown, & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the first classes of the Grammar Schools.

10. *Ordered*, That Stone's "History of England" be dropped from the list of text-books authorized for use in the Grammar Schools.

11. *Ordered*, That "Le Premier Livre de Français" (Hotchkiss), published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Grammar Schools.

12. *Ordered*, That "Stories of American Life and Adventure" (Eggleston), published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the sixth and fifth classes of the Grammar Schools.

13. *Ordered*, That Monroe's "New Fourth Reader," published by E. H. Butler & Co , be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the sixth and fifth classes of the Grammar Schools, one set of sixty books to be furnished to each Grammar School.

14. *Ordered*, That "Talks about Animals" (Companion Series), published by Perry Mason & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the fourth and third classes of the Grammar Schools.

15. *Ordered*, That "A Child's Garden of Verses" (Stevenson), published by Charles Scribner's Sons, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in all the classes of the Grammar Schools.

16. *Ordered*, That Hale's "Stories for Children" be transferred from Group *A* to Group *C*, supplementary reading for Grammar Schools.

17. *Ordered*, That "Selections for French Composition" (Grandgent), published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

18. *Ordered*, That "Selections for German Composition" (Harris), published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

19. *Ordered*, That "Practical Latin Composition" (Collar), published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

20. *Ordered*, That "A German Reader for Beginners" (Harris), published by Henry Holt & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

21. *Ordered*, That "Marchen und Erzahlungen" (Guerber), published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

22. *Ordered*, That "Die Journalisten" (Freytag), edited by Toy, and published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Grammar Schools.

23. *Ordered*, That "Elements of Botany" (Bergen), published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

24. *Ordered*, That "Selections from Urbis Romæ Viri Illustres" (Rolfe), published by Allyn & Bacon, be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the High Schools.

25. *Ordered*, That "Fabulæ Faciles" (Ritchie), published by Longmans & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the High Schools.

26. *Ordered*, That Fyffe's "History of Greece" and Creighton's "History of Rome," published by the American Book Company, be added to the list of text-books authorized for use in the High Schools, to be furnished in

addition to Meyer's General History or Sheldon's General History.

27. *Ordered*, That Herrig's "La France Litteraire" be dropped from the list of supplementary reading-books in the High Schools.

28. *Ordered*, That Otto's "German Reader" be dropped from the list of text-books authorized for use in the High Schools.

29. *Ordered*, That "Select Minor Poems of John Milton" (Thomas), published by Silver, Burdett, & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

30. *Ordered*, That "Das Wesentliche de Deutschen Grammatik" (Spanhoofd), published by Henry Holt & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Girls' Latin School.

31. *Ordered*, That "English History for American Readers" (Higginson & Channing), published by Longmans & Co., be added to the list of text-books authorized for use in the Latin Schools.

32. *Ordered*, That the limitation as to the use of "Tables for the Determination of Common Minerals" be stricken out, so as to authorize the use of this book in the Latin Schools.

33. *Ordered*, That "The Aoedean Collection, Part Songs for Female Voices" (Tufts & Holt), published by Silver, Burdett, & Co., be authorized for use in the Girls' High School and the Girls' Latin School, the number to be furnished to each school not to be greater than the largest number of pupils in any one class or division singing at one time.

34. *Ordered*, That "The Euterpean" (Tufts), published by Silver, Burdett, & Co., be authorized for use in all the High Schools except the Girls' High School and

the Girls' Latin School, the number to be furnished to each school not to be greater than the largest number of pupils in any one class or division singing at one time.

35. *Ordered*, That "Practical Exercises in English" (Buehler), published by Harper & Bros., be authorized for use as a text-book in the High and Latin Schools.

36. *Ordered*, That "The Blue Poetry Book for Schools" (Lang), published by Longmans & Co., be authorized for use as a supplementary reading book in the High Schools; thirty-five copies in a set, one set to be furnished to each of the smaller High Schools, and two sets to be furnished to each of the larger High Schools.

37. *Ordered*, That "Busy Work in Number" (for Class 3); Number Cards for Primary Schools, First Series (for Class 2); Number Cards for Primary Schools, Second Series (for Class 1) (Shove), — be added to the list of reference-books of the Primary Schools, one set for each teacher.

38. *Ordered*, That the physical maps of the two hemispheres, Europe, Asia, Africa, North America, and South America (Sydow-Habenicht), be authorized for use in the Grammar Schools.

39. *Ordered*, That the physical map of the United States, published by Rand, McNally, & Co., be authorized for use in the Grammar Schools.

40. *Ordered*, That "History for Ready Reference and Topical Reading" (Larned), published by the C. A. Nichols Co., be authorized for use as a reference-book in the High Schools.

41. *Ordered*, That MacCoun's Historical Geography of the United States and MacCoun's Historical Charts of the United States be authorized for use as books of reference in the Latin Schools.

42. *Ordered*, That one copy of "Principles of

Rhetoric," revised edition (Hill), published by Harper & Bros., be placed on the desk of the teacher in each room where English is taught to the fourth and third year classes of the High Schools.

43. *Ordered*, That one copy of "Practical Elements of Rhetoric" (Genung), published by Ginn & Co., be placed on the desk of the teacher in each room where English is taught in the fourth and third year classes of High Schools.

44. *Ordered*, That one copy of "Foundation Studies in Literature" (Mooney), published by Silver, Burdett, & Co., be placed on the desk of each teacher in the High Schools.

45. *Ordered*, That "Practical Exercises in English" (Buehler), published by Harper & Bros., be authorized for use as a reference-book in Grammar Schools, one copy to be supplied for the desk of each teacher of the second and first classes.

46. *Ordered*, That one copy of "Elementary Lessons in Physics," teachers' edition (Gifford), published by Thompson, Brown, & Co., be supplied to each teacher of the first classes in the Grammar Schools as a desk book.

47. *Ordered*, That "The Realm of Nature" (Mill), published by Charles Scribner's Sons, be authorized for use as a reference-book, a copy to be supplied for the desk of each teacher in the third and second classes in the Grammar Schools.

48. *Ordered*, That the Memorial History of Boston be authorized for use as a reference-book in the Grammar and High Schools, one set for each school.

49. *Ordered*, That "Waymarks for Teachers" (Arnold), published by Silver, Burdett, & Co., be authorized for use as a reference-book for the Normal School.

50. *Ordered*, That "Suggestions for Instruction in Color" (Prang, Hicks, & Clark), published by the Prang Educational Company, be authorized for use as a book of reference in the Grammar Schools, one copy for the desk of each teacher who teaches this subject.

51. *Ordered*, That "The World and Its People, Book 1 and Book 2," published by Silver, Burdett, & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the first class of the Primary Schools, in place of "The World and Its People."

52. *Ordered*, That "The Young Folks' Library, No. 5 and No. 6," be stricken from the list of books authorized for use for supplementary reading in the first class of the Primary Schools.

Mr. Anderson raised the point of order whether the orders could be taken up as moved by Mr. Fowler, under the statutes.

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken.

Mr. Fowler's motion passed.

The Chair stated that the question was on the passage of the orders, and ruled that it would require 16 votes to pass the orders.

The orders passed, 21 members voting in the affirmative.

53. *Ordered*, That "The Natural System of Vertical Writing" (Newlands & Row), published by D. C. Heath & Co., be authorized for use as an additional text-book on penmanship in the Grammar Schools.

Mr. Anderson moved that the order be laid on the table.

Lost.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the order. Yeas and nays.

The order was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs.

Anderson, Bassett, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Lowell and Wetmore — 11.

Nays: Messrs. Blanchard, Calderwood, Davison, Eaton, Fowler, Gallivan, McDonald, Paul, Strange, and Wise — 10.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Dunn, Liebmann, and Page.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Text-Books, it was

Furnishing of supplementary reading.

Ordered, That the supplementary reading authorized by the report of the Committee on Text-Books (School Doc. No. 5, 1896) be furnished as soon as the appropriation will permit.

Mr. Fowler moved that the vote whereby the order amending section 119 of the Rules and Regulations was declared passed, at the last meeting, be rescinded. (See page 261.)

Order amending section 119 rescinded. [See p. 261.]

The Chair ruled that it would require a suspension of the rules to rescind the vote.

On motion of Mr. Fowler, the rules were suspended, and the vote rescinded.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Fowler offered the following:

Ordered, That when the Board adjourn it adjourn to meet two weeks from to-day at four o'clock, P.M.

Adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Wise, the order was amended by substituting the word "five" for the word "four."

The order passed as amended.

On motion of Mr. Huggan, for the Committee on Salaries, it was

Salary of assistant in office of Secretary.

Ordered, That the salary of Susan S. Hathaway, assistant in the office of the Secretary, be fixed at the rate of twelve hundred dollars ($1,200) per annum, until otherwise ordered, to date from July 1, 1896.

Mr. Lowell offered the following:

Ordered, That section 81 of the Rules be amended by adding thereto the following words: "No principal and none of the directors mentioned in section 83 shall be nominated to the Board except in accordance with a recommendation of the Superintendent; and no subordinate instructor shall be nominated to the Board except in accordance with a recommendation of the Board of Supervisors approved by the Superintendent."

Amendment of rules; nomination of instructors.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to fit up a room in the Dorchester High School-house for a physical laboratory.

Fitting of room in Dorchester High School for physical laboratory.

On motion of Mr. Wise, for the Committee on Supplies, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to cause to be framed in a suitable manner the diplomas accompanying the medals awarded to the city of Boston by the managers of the World's Columbian Exposition to said city for the educational exhibits which it made at said Exposition in 1893.

Framing of diplomas awarded to city of Boston by managers of World's Columbian Exposition.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent be requested to report to this Board how far, if at all, the provision of section 196 of the Rules and Regulations, providing that principals of Grammar Schools "shall give an average of at least two hours a day to instruction in their schools," is disregarded; and by what principals.

Superintendent to report as to carrying out of Regulations relative to instruction by masters.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Manual Training, offered the following:

Ordered, That wood-working rooms be fitted up in the Agassiz, Stoughton, and Phillips School-houses.

Fitting of wood-working rooms in Agassiz, Stoughton, and Phillips School-houses.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following:

Fitting of school kitchens in Horace Mann, Stoughton, and Phillips-street School-houses.

Ordered, That school kitchens be fitted up in the Horace Mann, Stoughton, and Phillips-street (Comins District) School-houses.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Text-Books, it was

List of authorized text, reference, and supplementary reading books.

Ordered, That the list of authorized text, reference, and supplementary reading books for the school year 1896–97 be printed.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the following order was taken from the table:

Pupils of Mechanic Arts High School included in disposition of Franklin medals. [See p. 248.]

Ordered, That this year and thereafter the pupils of the Mechanic Arts High School be included in the disposition of the Franklin medals.

Mr. Allen moved to amend the order by adding after the word "School" the following words: "Roxbury High School, Dorchester High School, West Roxbury High School, Brighton High School, East Boston High School, and Charlestown High School."

Mr. Gallivan moved to amend Mr. Allen's amendment by adding the words "and the South Boston High School when ready."

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the order and amendments were referred to the Committee on High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, it was

Committee on Examinations to report system of vertical penmanship for use in the schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Examinations report to this Board the expediency of authorizing the use of some system of vertical penmanship in the schools.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary pro tem.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, July 14, 1896.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at 5 o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mr. Liebmann.

On motion of Mr. Wetmore, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN COMMON COUNCIL, June 25, 1896.

Communication from City Council; erection of new Primary School-house in the vicinity of Harrison avenue.

The Committee on Schools and School Houses, to whom was referred, by the Common Council, the order concerning the erection of a new Primary School building in the vicinity of Harrison avenue and Hunneman street, having considered the subject, respectfully recommend reference to the School Committee.

For the Committee,

JAMES F. HALEY.

Accepted, and referred accordingly. Sent up for concurrence. In Board of Aldermen, June 29, concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN COMMON COUNCIL, June 11, 1896.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to erect a new Primary School building in the vicinity of Harrison avenue and Hunneman street, Ward 17.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from City Council; use of school-house yards as playgrounds for children.

City of Boston.
In Common Council, March 12, 1896.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to take such action as may be necessary to cause the yards connected with the several public school-houses in the city of Boston to be opened as playgrounds for children at all times when the schools are not in session.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence. In Board of Aldermen, June 22, concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from City Council; appropriations for school-house improvements.

City of Boston.
In Board of Aldermen, June 15, 1896.

Ordered, That the order approved May 27, 1896, appropriating the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars ($75,000) for the Public Buildings Department, School Expenses, be hereby rescinded, and that an additional sum of three hundred thousand dollars ($300,000) be hereby appropriated for the Public Buildings Department, School Expenses, the same to be expended by the Superintendent of Public Buildings in making such improvements in school buildings to secure better sanitation and ventilation therein and better means of escape in case of fire as may be ordered by the School Committee; provided, however, that said money is appropriated only on condition that plans or specifications for such work shall be prepared by the School Committee and approved by the Mayor; and that to provide the money so appropriated the City Treasurer be authorized to issue and sell registered certificates of indebtedness of the city of Boston to said amount, payable at the office of the City Treasurer twenty years from their date, and bearing interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, at such times as said Treasurer shall determine.

Ordered, That any premiums coming to the city in the negotiation or sale of said bonds or certificates be paid to the Commissioners of Sinking-Funds for the redemption of the debt hereby created.

Passed. Yeas, 8; nays, 3. Sent down for concurrence. June 18, came up concurred. Yeas, 51; nays, 14.

The foregoing order was presented to the Mayor June 19, 1896, and was not returned by him within ten days thereafter.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; veto of salary orders.

CITY OF BOSTON.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY HALL, July 2, 1896.

To the Boston School Committee:

I return herewith, without my approval, the several orders numbered 1 to 23, inclusive, passed by your Board at its meeting held June 18th, and transmitted to me June 22d, fixing the salaries of instructors in the public schools for the year ending Aug. 31, 1897, and covering certain other matters connected therewith. I feel constrained to withhold my approval from these orders in their present form upon the ground that they involve an additional expenditure of money within the present financial year, estimated by the Chairman of the Committee on Salaries to amount to the sum of $23,000. I am advised by the Corporation Counsel that, while the School Committee cannot vote, during the school year, to increase the salaries of school teachers, there is nothing to prevent the passage, prior to the commencement of a school year, of a vote fixing such salaries at certain rates during a portion of the school year and at increased rates during another portion of the school year. There is therefore nothing to prevent making the proposed increases of salary take effect from Feb. 1, 1897, the beginning of the next financial year, instead of from Sept. 1, 1896, the beginning of the next school year, as provided in the orders.

While there may be some advantage from the standpoint of school administration in making an increase of salaries take effect from the beginning of the school year, in the present condition of the finances of the city it is of the greatest importance that all financial calculations should be made for a financial year, and that these calculations should not be disturbed by increases of expenditure during the year, not provided for in the annual appropriation order. Every dollar of the estimated income of the city, and every dollar which the city is authorized by law to raise by taxation, was appropriated in the annual appropriation order which was passed by the City Council last February. The general condition of business and the prospects of the immediate future are not such as to warrant those responsible

for the finances of the city in counting upon any available balance in closing the current expense accounts of the city for the present financial year. While the sum of $23,000 is a small one in comparison with the aggregate expenditures of the city of Boston, the general margin at the end of the financial year is likely to be such a fine one — if indeed there is any margin at all — that the question of authorizing this expenditure is a serious one. I cannot see how the amount can be saved out of the expenditures of any other department.

I take this position with the greater confidence in view of the fact that the School Committee was obliged to exceed its regular appropriations by a substantial sum in the last financial year, and of the further fact that I am informed by the President of your Board that even upon the present scale of expenditures the school expenditures of the current financial year will exceed the appropriation of $2,000,000 by some $40,000, which sum will have to be provided in some manner in closing the accounts of the current financial year. With such a necessity already in sight, it does not seem to me that I should be warranted in giving my approval to any increase of current expenditures whatsoever for school purposes during the current financial year; and I trust that, for the reasons above stated, your Board will pass the orders which it desires in such a form as to leave the present scale of salaries undisturbed at least up to Feb. 1, 1897, and to make any proposed increases take effect only from that date. Such increases can then be provided for in the appropriation order for the succeeding financial year.

Without indicating in detail what my action would be upon the various items contained in the orders if sent back to me in the form herein suggested, I think it proper to state that, as at present advised, I should not disapprove of the proposed increases as a whole.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY,
Mayor.

Accompanying this communication were the salary orders, passed by the Board at the meeting of June 18, 1896, and sent to His Honor the Mayor for approval. (See Minutes, June 18, 1896, pages 249–254.)

Placed on file.

The Chair stated the proper method of procedure under the statute to be, first, the reconsideration of the

vote by which the orders passed, and that the question was:

Shall the vote by which the orders passed be reconsidered?

The vote was reconsidered.

The Chair stated that the question came on the passage of the orders, the veto of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding, and ruled that under the statute the yeas and nays were necessary, and that it would require 16 votes to pass the orders.

The orders passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bassett, Blanchard, Calderwood, Davison, Dunn, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fowler, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, Page, Strange, and Wise — 18.

Nays: Messrs. Anderson, Gallivan, Lowell, Paul, and Wetmore — 5.

Absent or not voting: Mr. Liebmann.

Mr. Bassett moved a reconsideration of the vote, hoping his motion would not prevail.

The Chair ruled that the vote having been reconsidered once it could not be again.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; veto of order relative to salary of truant-officers.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY HALL, July 3, 1896.

To the School Committee:

I return herewith, without my approval, the order passed by your Board, fixing the salary of truant-officers at the rate of $1,300 per annum from Sept. 1, 1896. I feel obliged to withhold my approval from this increase in salary because I believe that truant-officers now receive fair compensation for the services required of them, in comparison with other officers of the city. The pay of a member of the police force is only $1,200 per annum, and he is employed for the whole year. I do not believe that truant-officers should receive any more than this salary, particularly in view of the long summer vaca-

tion of the schools. I also feel that, under existing financial conditions, increases of salary should be made only in cases where the claims are stronger than they seem to be in the case of these officers.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY,
Mayor.

City of Boston.
In School Committee, June 30, 1896.

Ordered, That the salary of the truant-officers be fixed at the rate of thirteen hundred dollars ($1,300) each per annum, to date from Sept. 1, 1896.

Passed.

Attest: THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary pro tem.

Placed on file.

The Chair stated the proper method of procedure under the statute to be, first, the reconsideration of the vote by which the order passed, and that the question was:

Shall the vote by which the order passed be reconsidered?

The vote was reconsidered.

The Chair stated that the question came on the passage of the order, the veto of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding, and ruled that under the statute the yeas and nays were necessary, and that it would require 16 votes to pass the order.

The order passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, Allen, Bassett, Blanchard, Calderwood, Davison, Dunn, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fowler, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, Paul, Strange, and Wise — 17.

Nays: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Gallivan, Lowell, and Wetmore — 5.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Liebmann and Page.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — June 30 — an order that school kitchens be fitted up in the Horace Mann, Stoughton, and Phillips-street (Comins District) School-houses, reported that on account of the limited state of the appropriation your committee recommend that the order ought not to pass.

Report of Committee on School Houses; fitting of school kitchens in Horace Mann, Stoughton, and Phillips-street School-houses. [See p. 286.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 30 — an order that wood-working rooms be fitted up in the Agassiz, Stoughton, and Phillips School-houses, reported that in the opinion of this committee it is desirable to fit wood-working rooms as suggested in the order, but owing to the limited state of the appropriation your committee recommend that it is inexpedient to provide wood-working rooms in the Agassiz and Phillips School-houses. They recommend the passage of the following order:

Report of Committee on School Houses; fitting of wood-working rooms in Agassiz, Stoughton, and Phillips School-houses. [See p. 285.]

Ordered, That a wood-working room be fitted up in the Stoughton School-house.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 30 — a communication from the Stuart Fund Association, relative to naming the new school-house on Richmond street, Dorchester, the Gilbert Stuart School, and offering to the school, if so named, Gilbert Stuart's portrait, also his portraits of George Washington and Martha his wife, reported that this committee have already recommended that the name be bestowed upon the school as asked for in the communication.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from Stuart Fund Association; gift to Stuart School. [See p. 266.]

Your committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the thanks of this Board be extended to the Stuart. Fund Association for their very generous offer of portrait of Gilbert Stuart and also Stuart's portraits of George Washington and Martha his wife, for the Gilbert Stuart School.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; addition upon Wells School-house. [See p. 163.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 12 — an order that an addition be built during the summer vacation upon the Wells School-house, such as will provide a master's office and other needed facilities, reported that they have inspected the Wells School-house and fully recognize the need of a suitable addition thereto. There are, however, so many demands before this committee that they are obliged to exercise the greatest discrimination in order that the most pressing needs may be relieved first. They are, therefore, at times, reluctantly obliged to report against the expediency of certain improvements asked for, solely for the reason that the funds that can be expended are too limited to provide for more than the actual necessities which are presented for consideration.

For this reason, your committee report that it is inexpedient, at the present time, to build the addition to the Wells School-house, but would recommend the matter as one deserving early and favorable action during the coming year.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the report was laid on the table.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, offered the following:

Approval of supplementary plans for Rob-

Ordered, That the supplementary plans and specifications involving certain changes found to be necessary,

prepared by A. Warren Gould, architect, for the erection of a Primary School-house on Robinson street, Dorchester, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the said A. Warren Gould is hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accordance with said plans and specifications; and the Committee on School Houses is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect same in accordance with said plans and specifications, and to make on behalf of this Board the necessary contracts for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

inson street, Dorchester. [See pp. 235, 236.]

For the information of the Board, the Chair read the following:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, July 14, 1896.

To the Committee on School Houses:

GENTLEMEN: I have carefully examined the revised plans and specifications for a Primary School-house of eight (8) rooms on Robinson street, in the Dorchester District, which plans were prepared by A. Warren Gould, architect, 178 Devonshire street, Boston, and were described more particularly in my communication to you of the 16th ult. These plans and specifications have my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

The order passed.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the supplementary plans and specifications involving certain changes found to be necessary, prepared by John Lyman Faxon, architect, for the erection of a Primary School-house at the corner of Chambers and Poplar streets, Boston, having been

Approval of supplementary plans for school-house at West End. [See pp. 236, 237.]

approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the said John Lyman Faxon is hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accordance with said plans and specifications; and the Committee on School Houses is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect same in accordance with said plans and specifications; and to make on behalf of this Board the necessary contracts for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

For the information of the Board the Chair read the following:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, July 14, 1896.

To the Committee on School Houses:

GENTLEMEN: I have carefully examined the revised plans and specifications for a fourteen (14) room school-house at the corner of Chambers and Poplar streets, West End, prepared by John Lyman Faxon, architect, 7 Exchange place, Boston, which plans were more particularly described in my communication to you of the 16th ult. These plans and specifications have my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

The order passed.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; admission of candidates to the teachers' examinations who have completed a satisfactory course of study in pedagogy. [See pp. 119, 242.]

Mr. Fowler, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, who were instructed — June 18 — to report such amendments to the rules as will provide for the admission to the teachers' examinations of college graduates who have, in the opinion of the Board of Supervisors, completed a satisfactory course in pedagogy, but who have not had a year's experience in teaching, or have not been graduated from the Boston Normal School or from one of the State Normal Schools, reported that the rules have already been amended to provide for the ad-

mission of college graduates, as suggested in the order referred. Your committee recommend that no further action is necessary.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; candidates for masters and sub-masters to be college graduates. [See pp. 163, 206, 207, 231.]

Mr. Fowler, for the same committee, to whom was recommitted — June 18 — an order providing that all masters and sub-masters regularly employed in the Grammar Schools shall be graduates of colleges in good standing, or of institutions which confer degrees of a corresponding grade, reported that after further consideration your committee recommend that it is inexpedient to pass the order.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the order was laid on the table.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following:

Increased accommodations in Hancock District.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to provide two extra rooms for use in the Hancock District on Sept. 1, 1896.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Death of Fidelia D. Merrick.

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on the First Division, reported the death of Fidelia D. Merrick, late fourth assistant in the Lyman District.

Accepted.

Mr. Wetmore moved that the vote whereby the following order was declared passed at the last meeting of the Board be reconsidered:

Superintendent to report as to carrying out of regulations relative to instruction by masters. [See p. 285.]

Ordered, That the Superintendent be requested to report to this Board how far, if at all, the provision of section 196 of the Rules and Regulations, providing that principals of Grammar Schools "shall give an average of at least two hours a day to instruction in their schools" is disregarded, and by what principals.

Mr. Wetmore's motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, it was

Adjournment.

Voted, That when this Board adjourn it be subject to the call of the President.

Secret session.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, the doors were closed.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, presented a report of that committee, to which was appended the following order:

Report of Committee on the Ninth Division relative to master of the Minot School.

Ordered, That Joseph T. Ward, Jr., be dropped from the service, from Sept. 1, 1896.

The report was accepted, and the order laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Fowler, the doors were opened.

On motion of Mr. Fowler, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary pro tem.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, August 4, 1896.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the city of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at 5 o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Eaton, Gallivan, Hubbard, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Liebmann, McDonald, Page, and Wetmore.

On motion of Mr. Adams, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, August 3, 1896.

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; taking of land for school purposes on Paul Gore street, West Roxbury.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with George S. Curtis, upon the sum of eleven thousand eight hundred ten and $\frac{88}{100}$ dollars, as payment for the 32,346 square feet of land taken from said Curtis, on Paul Gore street, at West Roxbury, for school purposes, July 29, 1896 (recorded same day), upon said Curtis giving to the city a deed for said land satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,
J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, July 29, 1896.

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; taking of land for enlargement of William Wirt Warren

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

In accordance with the request contained in your order of May 12, 1896, the Board of Street Commissioners have this day taken for school

lot, and for school site on Paul Gore street, West Roxbury.

purposes from the heirs of Roderick Richardson, 9,137 feet of land on Richardson and Mackin streets, in Brighton (for addition to the William Wirt Warren School estate); and in accordance with the request contained in your order of June 9, 1896, 32,346 square feet of land for a site for a new school on Paul Gore street, at West Roxbury.

Their decrees of both takings have this day been recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,

Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Election Commissioners; erection of small wooden building on lot of Tileston School.

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS,
OLD COURT HOUSE, COURT SQ., BOSTON, July 16, 1896.

EDWARD H. DUNN, Esq., *Chairman on Schools and School Houses:*

DEAR SIR: The Board of Election Commissioners would respectfully ask permission to erect a small wooden building 18 × 20 on lot of Tileston School-house, as shown on the enclosed plan by red square, the same to be used for registration and election purposes, the building to be allowed to remain there until ordered down by your committee. This building can be used for school purposes when so desired, except when wanted by this Board.

Will you please give us your early reply to this communication? and oblige,

Respectfully yours,

M. W. BURLEN,

Secretary.

For the Board of Election Commissioners.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following:

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Harriet E. Bird, assistant instructor, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Comins District. — Thomas G. Rees, sub-master, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the term specified: Leave of absence to teachers.

Director of Physical Training. — Edward M. Hartwell, from Sept. 8, 1896, until Oct. 8, 1896. Edward M. Hartwell.

English High School. — Joseph Y. Bergen, Jr., junior-master, from Oct. 1, 1896, until Feb. 1, 1897. Joseph Y. Bergen, Jr.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Ordered, That there be paid to George S. Curtis the sum of eleven thousand eight hundred ten and $\frac{88}{100}$ dollars ($11,810.88), as payment for 32,346 square feet of land taken from said Curtis, on Paul Gore street, at West Roxbury, for school purposes, July 29, 1896 (recorded same day), upon said Curtis giving to the city a deed for said land satisfactory to the Law Department. Purchase of land for school site on Paul Gore street, West Roxbury.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — July 14 — a communication from the City Council relative to the erection of a new Primary School-house in the vicinity of Harrison avenue and Hunneman street, reported that they have given the matter their careful consideration, and recommend that the City Council be respectfully informed that owing to lack of funds it is inexpedient at the present time to erect a new Primary School-house in the vicinity of Harrison avenue and Hunneman street, as suggested. Report of Committee on School Houses; new Primary School-house in vicinity of Harrison avenue and Hunneman street.

Accepted, and ordered sent to the City Council.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes a lot of land lying between the lot of the Purchase of land for enlargement of lot of new Grammar School-house,

Stoughton District, Dorchester.

Stoughton District new Grammar School-house on Richmond street, Dorchester, and Dorchester avenue, containing 1,019 square feet, more or less, belonging to Albert K. Teele and Richard C. Humphreys, trustees, under the will of Edmund J. Baker, and bounded as follows, viz.: beginning at a point on the westerly line of Dorchester avenue one hundred ninety-six and $\frac{26}{100}$ feet south of Richmond street; thence running west sixty-three and $\frac{69}{100}$ feet to land of city of Boston; thence turning and running south sixteen and $\frac{17}{100}$ feet to land now or late of Adeline Smith; thence turning and running east sixty-three and $\frac{69}{100}$ feet to said Dorchester avenue; thence by said Dorchester avenue sixteen and $\frac{17}{100}$ feet to the point of beginning.

Report of Committee on School Houses; use of school-house yards for playgrounds.

Mr. Dunn for the same committee, to whom was referred — July 14 — a communication from the City Council, relative to the use of school-house yards by children for playgrounds at all times when the schools are not in session, reported that they have again given this matter their careful consideration. They cannot, however, be unmindful of the difficulty of maintaining a proper supervision of the use of the school-house yards outside of school hours, and the probable damage that would result to the school buildings if children were allowed the unrestricted use of said yards, and they recommend that the City Council be respectfully informed that it is inexpedient to recommend the use of the yards as suggested.

Accepted, and ordered sent to the City Council.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

$75,000 appropriation for improvements in school-

Ordered, That the order passed June 9, 1896 (see pages 202 and 203), for the expenditure of the sum of $75,000 appropriated by the City Council of May 26,

1896, for improvements in school-houses in respect to sanitation, ventilation, and means of escape from fire, under the direction of the Committee on School Houses, be rescinded.

houses, vote rescinded. [See pp. 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203.]

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Board of Election Commissioners be granted permission to erect a small wooden building 18 × 20 on the lot of the Tileston School-house, as shown on plan furnished by said Board, the same to be used for registration and election purposes; and to be allowed to remain there until ordered down by the School Committee: this building to be used for school purposes when so desired, except when its use is required by the Board of Election Commissioners.

Erection of small wooden building on lot of Tileston School.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That of the $90,000 appropriated November 26, 1895, for new Grammar School-house, Harris District, the sum of $1,500 be paid Harrison H. Atwood in full settlement for professional services in connection with the preparation of plans for a new Grammar School-house, Harris District.

Payment to H. H. Atwood.

Mr. Anderson moved that the order be laid on the table.

Lost.

The order passed.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — July 14 — a communication from the City Council relative to an appropriation of $300,000 for improvements in school-houses, report that they have considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the $300,000 appropriated by the City Council of June 15, 1896, for making improve-

$300,000 appropriation of City Council for

improvements in school-houses.

ments in school buildings to secure better sanitation and ventilation therein and better means of escape in case of fire, be expended under the direction of the Committee on School Houses, and said committee is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to perform such improvements in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the Superintendent of Public Buildings, and to make on behalf of this Board the necessary contracts for such work.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, offered the following:

Approval of plans of James Mulcahy for school-house on Vernon street.

Ordered, That the plans and specifications for a Primary School-house on Vernon street, Dudley District, Roxbury, prepared by James Mulcahy, architect, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the said James Mulcahy is hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accordance with said plans and specifications; and the Committee on School Houses is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same in accordance with said plans and specifications; and to make on behalf of this Board the necessary contracts for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

For the information of the Board, the Chair read the following:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, August 4, 1896.

To the Committee on School Houses:

GENTLEMEN: I have carefully examined the plans for a Primary School-house of ten (10) rooms on Vernon street, Dudley District, Roxbury, which plans were prepared by James Mulcahy, architect, 43 Milk street, Boston. These plans are twelve in number, — base-

ment, first and second floor plans, roof plan, four elevations, a longitudinal section, two floor-framing plans, and a roof-framing plan. I have also read the specifications accompanying said plans.

I find these plans to be those required by law to be prepared before work shall be commenced, and that they are those of a building well adapted to school purposes. These plans and specifications have my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,

Superintendent of Public Schools.

The order passed.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, offered the following:

Approval of plans of Theodore M. Clark for new Grammar School-house, Harris District.

Ordered, That the plans and specifications for a Grammar School-house in the Harris District, Dorchester, prepared by Theodore M. Clark, architect, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the said Theodore M. Clark is hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accordance with said plans and specifications; and the Committee on School Houses is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same in accordance with said plans and specifications; and to make on behalf of this Board the necessary contracts for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

For the information of the Board, the Chair read the following:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, August 4, 1896.

To the Committee on School Houses:

GENTLEMEN: I have carefully examined the plans for a Grammar School-house of twelve (12) rooms and hall in the Harris District, Dorchester, which plans were prepared by Theodore M. Clark, architect, 22 Congress street, Boston. These plans are sixteen in number, — block plan, foundation plan, basement plan, plans of first, second, and third stories, roof plan, four elevations, transverse section, three framing plans of the first, second, and third stories,

respectively, and a roof-framing plan. I have also read the specifications accompanying said plans.

I find these plans to be those required by law to be prepared before work shall be commenced, and that they are those of a building well adapted to school purposes. These plans and specifications have my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

The order passed.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, offered the following:

Approval of plans for four small wooden buildings.

Ordered, That the plans and specifications prepared by the Superintendent of Public Buildings for a one-room wooden building in the yard of the Prescott School-house, Charlestown; for a two-room wooden building in the yard of the Hugh O'Brien School-house, Roxbury; for a two-room wooden building in the yard of the Lowell School-house, Roxbury; and for a two-room wooden building in the yard of the Chapman School-house, East Boston, — having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the Committee on School Houses is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect same in accordance with said plans and specifications; and to make on behalf of this Board the necessary contracts for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

For the information of the Board, the Chair read the following:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, July 22, 1896.

To the Committee on School Houses:

GENTLEMEN: I have examined the specifications and accompanying plans for a single-room wooden school-house in the yard of the

Prescott School, on Elm street, in the Charlestown District. These plans and specifications have my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, July 22, 1896.

To the Committee on School Houses:

GENTLEMEN: I have examined the specifications and accompanying plans for a two (2) room wooden school-house in the yard of the Hugh O'Brien School, corner of Dudley and Langdon streets, Roxbury. These plans and specifications have my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, July 22, 1896.

To the Committee on School Houses:

GENTLEMEN: I have examined the specifications and accompanying plans for a two (2) room wooden school-house in the yard of the Lowell School, on Centre street, Roxbury. These plans and specifications have my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, July 22, 1896.

To the Committee on School Houses:

GENTLEMEN: I have examined the specifications and accompanying plans for a two (2) room wooden school-house in the yard of the Chapman School, on Eutaw street, in the East Boston District. These plans and specifications have my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

The order passed.

Mr. Huggan, for the Committee on Salaries, offered the following:

Salary of junior-masters in Latin and High Schools.

Ordered, That all junior-masters in the Latin and High Schools, including the Mechanic Arts High School, receive the same salary they would receive under the old schedule until the first anniversary of their appointment, when they shall receive the next higher salary in the new schedule and remain on that rate for a period of three months, when they shall again be advanced to the next higher salary in the new schedule, and continue to increase until the maximum salary of the position and the rank of the master is reached.

Mr. Anderson raised the point of order that it would require a suspension of the rules to pass the order.

The Chair ruled that the point of order was not well taken.

The order passed.

Report of Committee on Accounts; laboratory.

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — June 9 — an order relative to the employment of a laboratory assistant in the English High School, reported that the following order ought to pass:

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools be authorized to employ a laboratory assistant for classes in chemistry and physics, to date from Sept. 8, 1896, at a salary not to exceed five hundred dollars ($500) per annum.

Assistant English High School.

On motion of Mr. Huggan, the order was referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training, offered the following:

New school-houses to be furnished with adjustable desks.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to furnish all new school-houses, to be completed and occupied this year, with adjustable desks.

Mr. Dunn moved that the order be referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Lost.

Mr. Fowler moved as an amendment that the following words be added to the order: "or with desks with adjustable iron standards."

Mr. Fowler's amendment was lost.

Mr. Lowell moved to amend the order so as to read:

Ordered, That during the coming year only adjustable school furniture shall be purchased, and in the furnishing of new permanent school-houses one-third of the furniture shall be adjustable.

Mr. Lowell's amendment passed.

The question came on the passage of the order as amended.

The order as amended passed.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Third Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be instructed to furnish the new Bowdoin School-house with Chandler adjustable desks and chairs of the latest pattern.

New Bowdoin School-house to be furnished with Chandler adjustable desks.

Mr. Dunn moved to amend by striking out the word "Chandler."

Lost.

The order passed.

Mr. Fowler doubted the vote, and on his motion the yeas and nays were ordered.

Yeas and nays.

Mr. Anderson's order passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Blanchard, Calderwood, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, and Mr. Wise — 9.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, Dunn, Fowler, Huggan, Lowell, Paul, and Strange — 7.

Absent: Messrs. Eaton, Gallivan, Hubbard, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Liebmann, McDonald, Page, and Wetmore.

Mr. Anderson moved a reconsideration, hoping that his motion would not prevail.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the following order was taken from the table:

Naming of school-house in honor of Roger Clap.

Ordered, That the new school-house on Harvest street, Dorchester, be named the Roger Clap School.

The order passed.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the following order was taken from the table:

Naming of school-house in honor of Gilbert Stuart.

Ordered, That the new school-house on Richmond street, in the Stoughton District, be named the Gilbert Stuart School.

The order passed.

On motion of Mr. Wise, it was

Refreshments for sub-committees.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to approve bills for refreshments incurred by sub-committees of this Board when, in the discharge of their duties, they are detained an unreasonable length of time, to an amount not exceeding three hundred (300) dollars for the balance of the present financial year.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, offered the following:

Continuation of Kindergarten in Warrenton-street Chapel.

Ordered, That the Kindergarten in Warrenton-street Chapel be continued, provided the use of the rooms be allowed without expense to the city.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mrs. Fifield presented the following petition:

August 4, 1896.

To the Honorable School Committee of the City of Boston:

Petition of residents of Savin Hill District; additional school facilities.

We respectfully petition your Board that we, the residents of the Savin Hill District, require additional school facilities; viz., the removal of the present Primary School to the vacant lot of land on the opposite side of Auckland street, and that two rooms be added, doubling its present capacity.

Also that there be a ten-room brick Grammar school constructed on the present site of said Primary School. We respectfully request that you grant a hearing to the residents of said district on this petition.

JAMES H. STARK,
President of Savin Hill Association, for self and others.

WALTER L. HAYES,
58 Savin Hill Avenue.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, the doors were closed. Secret session.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, the following order was taken from the table:

Ordered, That Joseph T. Ward, Jr., be dropped from the service from Sept. 1, 1896. Discharge of Joseph T. Ward, master of Minot School. [See p. 298.]

On motion of Mr. Allen, the order was amended by substituting the word "discharged" for the word "dropped."

The order as amended passed.

On motion of Mr. Blanchard, the doors were opened.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APPOLONIO,
Secretary pro tem.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 8, 1896.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the city of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mr. Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Liebmann, Page, and Wetmore.

On motion of Mr. Fowler, the records of the last meeting were amended as follows: Records amended.

Page 310. Insert after the words "the order passed," following the order relative to naming the school-house on Harvest street, the following words: "fourteen members voting in the affirmative." Insert after the words "the order passed," following the order relative to naming the school-house on Richmond street, the following words: "fifteen members voting in the affirmative." Page 311. Insert after the words "the order as amended passed," following the order relative to the master of the Minot School, the following words: "thirteen members voting in the affirmative."

On motion of Mr. Fowler, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed, as amended.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY HALL, Aug. 29, 1896.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; $300,000 appropriation for improvements in sanitation and ventilation of school-houses.

ISAAC F. PAUL, ESQ., *Chairman of the Boston School Committee, Boston, Mass.:*

DEAR SIR: I think it proper to call your attention to the fact that the awarding of contracts at the present time for making improvements in the ventilation and sanitation of certain school-houses, to be paid for out of the loan appropriation of $300,000, will result, in

some instances at least, in more or less interference with the use of school buildings after the opening of the coming school year, and will doubtless prevent entirely for a time the use of certain rooms. I wish to have it clearly understood that the Executive Department of the city government disclaims any responsibility for such interference with the use of school-rooms as may result from the performance of this work during the school term. I regard the question as to the advisability of doing any of this work while the schools are open as lying entirely within the province of the School Committee to decide. Foreseeing that little could be done during the present summer vacation unless the work could be actually entered upon as soon as the schools closed, I used every endeavor to secure the passage of the $300,000 loan appropriation in season to permit of the preparation and approval of plans, so that the actual work could be begun by contractors at the end of June. Owing to the lateness of the date at which the loan was finally authorized by the City Council, and some further delay in arriving at an understanding between the School Committee and myself as to our respective authorities and as to the procedure to be followed in connection with the planning and execution of this work, plans were not presented for my approval in season to secure the completion of any material portion of the work contemplated prior to the opening of the schools in September.

I merely desire, at the present time, that it should be clearly understood that I regard it as exclusively within the province of the School Committee to determine what work it is advisable to let contracts for at this time, and to what extent it is practicable or desirable to interfere with the sessions of the schools by the execution of such work.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY,

Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; notice of taking of land for enlargement of Sharp School-house lot and

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,

CITY HALL, Aug. 5, 1896.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

In accordance with the request contained in your order of June 9, 1896, the Board of Street Commissioners have this day taken, for school purposes, from Stephen H. Williams, 276 square feet of land on Anderson street, near Pinckney street; and in accordance with

the request in your order of June 18, 1896, they have taken, for school purposes, from John W. Hollis, 4,169 square feet of land on a twenty-foot passageway leading from Cambridge street, at Allston, beside the Washington Allston School estate. Their decrees of both takings have been this day recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

of Allston Club House estate. [See pp. 196, 148, 239.]

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,

Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

City of Boston.
Street Commissioners' Office,
City Hall, Aug. 27, 1896.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with Joseph L. Bergman upon the sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars, as payment for the estate taken from him on Prince street, for school purposes, May 9, 1896 (taking recorded same day), upon the said Bergman giving to the city of Boston a deed therefor satisfactory to the Law Department.

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners, taking of land for school purposes on Prince street. [See pp. 41, 42, 43, 54, 55, 56, 154.]

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,

Secretary.

Placed on file.

City of Boston.
Street Commissioners' Office,
City Hall, Aug. 26, 1896.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

In accordance with the request contained in your order of April 28, 1896, the Board of Street Commissioners have this day taken, for school purposes, from the heirs or devisees of Andrew J. Peters, thirty thousand square feet of land on Walkhill street, an extension of Wachusett street, and a private way known as Patten street, at West Roxbury, and the decree of their taking has been this day recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; taking of land for school purposes at Forest Hills. [See pp. 135, 136.]

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,

Secretary.

Placed on file.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Normal School. — Harriet A. Niel, assistant teacher of theory and practice of the Kindergarten, Sept. 1, 1896.

Dwight District. — Martha B. Lucas, second assistant, Primary School, Sept. 1, 1896.

Gibson District. — F. Morton King, sub-master, Sept. 8, 1896.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

George Putnam District. — Mary A. Gove, assistant, Primary School, fourth year, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Harvard District. — Elizabeth B. Porter, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Eliza T. Ransom, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Quincy District. — Annie F. Merriam, assistant, Primary School, fifth year, from Sept. 1, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of a teacher.

Eliot District. — Carrie A. Waugh, assistant, Primary School.

Accepted, and teacher confirmed.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Maria D. Kimball.

Chapman District. — Maria D. Kimball, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1896, until Oct. 1, 1896; Florence K. Glover, substitute.

Mary C. Hall.

Mary C. Hall, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 8, 1896, until Oct. 1, 1896; Lenora E. Scolley, substitute.

Emerson District. — Helen M. Souther, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1896, until Jan. 1, 1897; Ethel C. Brown, substitute. Helen M. Souther.

Phillips District. — Louise H. Hinckley, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1896, until Jan. 1, 1897. Louise H. Hinckley.

Lowell District. — Ella F. Howland, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 8, 1896, until Nov. 1, 1896; Henrietta Chase, substitute. Ella F. Howland.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, it was

Ordered, That the vote of the School Committee, passed June 9, by which Lincoln Owen, master of the Rice Training School, was elected on tenure by ballot, be rescinded, Mr. Owen having been elected on tenure through a clerical error, he not having served the requisite number of years which entitles him, under the rules, to such election. Vote placing master of Rice Training School on tenure rescinded.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, reported for reëlection the following-named principal of the Rice Training School: Reëlection of master of Rice Training School.

For the term ending Aug. 31, 1897:

Rice Training School. — Lincoln Owen, master.

Accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot. Ballot.

The Chair appointed Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Calderwood a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 19; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13.

For the term ending Aug. 31, 1897:

Rice Training School. — Lincoln Owen, master, had 19 votes, and was accordingly declared reëlected for the term specified, to date from Sept. 1, 1896.

Reëlection of instructors.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, reported the following nominations for reëlection, for the term ending Aug. 31, 1897:

Martin Kindergarten. — Annie J. Eaton, assistant.

Instructor of Sewing. — Olive C. Hapgood.

Accepted, and the teachers reëlected for the terms specified.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and High Schools, it was

Resignation of Benjamin Wormelle as principal of Brighton High School.

Ordered, That the resignation of Benjamin Wormelle as principal of the Brighton High School be accepted, and that he be continued in said school with the rank of master, on tenure, to date from Sept. 8, 1896.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Strange moved that the rules be suspended in order that an additional master be allowed in the Brighton High School.

Mr. Strange's motion passed, 18 members voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Strange, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and High Schools, reported the following transfer:

Transfer of John C. Ryder.

Roxbury High School. — John C. Ryder, master, to the same position in the Brighton High School.

Accepted, and the transfer confirmed.

Election of principal of Brighton High School.

Mr. Strange, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and High Schools, reported the following nomination of a candidate for the position of principal of the Brighton High School:

John C. Ryder, master, to date from Sept. 8, 1896.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Mr. Gallivan, Mrs. Ames, and Mr. Blanchard a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 19; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13.

John C. Ryder had 19 votes, and was accordingly declared elected principal of the Brighton High School, with the rank of master, to date from Sept. 8, 1896.

John C. Ryder elected principal of Brighton High School.

Mr. Strange, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and Ninth Division, reported the transfer of Edwin T. Horne, principal of the Prescott School, to the same position in the Roger Clap School.

Transfer of Edwin T. Horne.

Accepted, and the transfer confirmed.

Mr. Strange, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and Ninth Division, reported the following nomination of a candidate for the position of principal of the Minot School:

Election of principal of Minot School.

F. Morton King, master, to date from Sept. 8, 1896.

Accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

Ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Adams, Allen, and Bassett a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 15; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13.

There were 4 blanks. F. Morton King had 15 votes, and was accordingly declared elected principal of the Minot School, with the rank of master, to date from Sept. 8, 1896.

F. Morton King elected principal of Minot School.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the Committee on Nominations was instructed to present, at the next meeting of the Board, a list of candidates for the position of Secretary of the School Committee.

List of candidates for position of Secretary of School Committee.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom were referred — June 18 — a communication from Thomas Hills relative to the use of the Warrenton-

Report of Committee on School Houses; use of Warrenton-street

Chapel for Kindergarten purposes. [See pp. 231, 310.]

street Chapel for Kindergarten purposes, and — Aug. 4 — an order that the Kindergarten in the Warrenton-street Chapel be continued, provided the use of the rooms be allowed without expense to the city, reported that they have given orders that the Kindergarten located in the school-house corner of Church and Fayette streets be moved to the Warrenton-street Chapel, and that no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Appropriations for site, Paul Gore street, and for furnishing Allston Club House.

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following appropriations be made:

Paul Gore street, West Roxbury, site .	$11,810 88
Allston Club House, furnishing . .	1,100 00

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Purchase of land on Prince street for school purposes. [See pp. 41, 42, 43, 54, 55, 56, 154, 315.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Joseph L. Bergman the sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars ($12,500) as payment for the estate on Prince street, taken from said Bergman for school purposes May 9, 1896 (and recorded same day), upon the said Bergman giving to the city a deed of said land satisfactory to the Law Department.

Appropriations made from $500,000 the School Committee were authorized to expend in 1896.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, reported that out of the $500,000 which the School Committee were authorized to expend in 1896 for new school-houses, etc., under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following appropriations have been made:

Feb. 25, 1896.	
New Primary School-house, Vernon street, Roxbury	$50,000 00
Cudworth School-house, enlargement of lot	1,500 00
Thetford-street School-house, addition,	35,000 00
March 24, 1896.	
Robinson-street School-house, Field's Corner, Dorchester . . .	65,000 00
April 14, 1896.	
Wooden building in Prescott School-house yard	1,500 00
April 28, 1896.	
New School-house, Forest Hills, site .	9,000 00
Genesee-street School-house, furnishing	2,800 00
Wooden building in Hugh O'Brien School-house yard . . .	2,000 00
June 9, 1896.	
Primary School-house, Beech street, Roslindale, heating, ventilation, and sanitation	2,175 00
June 18, 1896.	
Small wooden buildings, additional .	500 00
Hancock School-house, enlargement of lot	3,000 00
Dorchester High School-house, site .	12,000 00
June 30, 1896.	
Two-room wooden building in Lowell School-house yard, building and furnishing	2,300 00
Carried forward	$186,775 00

Brought forward	$186,775 00
Two-room wooden building in Chapman School-house yard, building and furnishing	2,300 00
Sept. 8, 1896.	
Paul Gore street, West Roxbury, site,	11,810 88
Allston Club House, furnishing .	1,100 00
	$201,985 88

For the information of the Board, Mr. Dunn read the following:

City of Boston.
Office of Public Buildings Department,
Boston, Sept. 5, 1896.

Mr. Edward H. Dunn, *Chairman Committee on School Houses:*

Dear Sir: In accordance with your request, I hereby submit a list of the several schools on which I am at present making repairs, alterations, etc., viz.:

Fire-Proofing and Fire-Escapes.

Eliot School, North Bennet street.
Ware School, North Bennet street.
Freeman School, Charter street.
Pormort School, Snelling place.
Somerset School, Somerset street.
Sharp School, Pinckney street.
Phillips School, Anderson street.
Winthrop School, Tremont street.
Brimmer School, Common street.
Skinner School, Fayette street.
Quincy School, Tyler street.
Primary School, Tyler street.
Waitt School, Shawmut avenue.
Pierpont School, Hudson street.
Cushman School, Parmenter street.
Hancock School, Parmenter street.
Emerson School, Poplar street.
Grant School, Phillips street.

Plumbing.

Lowell School, Centre street.
Washington-street School, Forest Hills.
Canterbury-street School (old), Chestnut avenue.
Mount Pleasant avenue.
Savin Hill avenue.
Bailey street.
Everett School, Brighton.
Mead-street, Charlestown.
Warren School, Charlestown.
Quincy-street School, Roxbury.
Common street, Charlestown.
Baker-street School.
Howard-avenue School.

Heating and Ventilating.

Cyrus Alger School.
Roxbury and King streets.
Edward Everett.

I have submitted plans and specifications of the following-named schools to His Honor the Mayor for his approval, but as yet they have not been approved.

Plumbing.

Emerson School, East Boston.
Lyman School, East Boston.
Frothingham School, Charlestown.
Chapman School, East Boston.
Weston-street School, Roxbury.
Quincy School, Tyler street.

Heating and Ventilating and Plumbing.

Norcross, South Boston.
Everett, Northampton street.

Fire-Proofing and Fire-Escapes.

Bunker Hill Grammar, Charlestown.
Lyman Grammar, East Boston.
Mead-street Primary, Charlestown.
Common-street Primary, Charlestown.

Warren Grammar, Charlestown.
Lyceum Hall, Meeting House Hill.
School-street Primary, Dorchester.
Lawrence Grammar, South Boston.
Drake School, South Boston.
Hillside Primary, Jamaica Plain.
West Roxbury High, Jamaica Plain.
Rice Training School, Dartmouth street.

I have in process of completion plans and specifications of heating, ventilating, and plumbing of the following-named schools:

Sherwin School.
John A. Andrew School.
Phillips School.
Dorchester High School.
Bennett and Bennett Branch.
Noble School.
Mead-street School.
Warren School.
Weston-street School.
Chapman School.
Emerson School.
Florence School.
Winship School.

I am also preparing plans and specifications of plumbing for the following:

Howe School.
Edward Everett Primary.

Yours respectfully,
FRED B. BOGAN,
Superintendent Public Buildings.

The report was accepted.

Report of Committee on Examinations; four-year courses established in suburban High Schools. [See p. 248.]

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on Examinations, to whom was referred — June 18 — an order that four-year courses of study be established in all the suburban High Schools, reported that they have given the matter their careful attention. Four-year courses of study have already been established in all the suburban High Schools except the East Boston High and the Brighton High

Schools, and your committee are of the opinion that the four-year courses should be allowed in all the suburban High Schools, as suggested in the order referred. They recommend the passage of the following order :

Ordered, That four-year courses of study be established in all the suburban High Schools, to date from Sept. 8, 1896.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Examinations; examination of candidates for Evening School certificates.

Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, to whom was referred a vote of the Committee on Evening Schools relative to examination of candidates for the Evening School certificates, reported that they have carefully considered the matter. They recommend the passage of the following order :

Ordered, That the Supervisors be requested to hold a special examination, during the present month, of candidates for Evening School certificates.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following :

Sessions in Lowell School.

Ordered, That on account of the building in the yard of the Lowell School-house not being completed, and the consequent lack of accommodations for the pupils in the Lowell District, two teachers be allowed to hold session from eight to twelve o'clock, and two other teachers from one to five o'clock, and that separate classes of pupils attend morning and afternoon, until such time as the building in the yard shall be completed.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Petition from Abraham Tamer *et als.*, relative to Syrian teacher in Quincy Evening School.

The Chair presented a petition signed by Abraham Tamer and six others asking that a Syrian teacher be allowed in the Quincy Evening School during the term 1896–97.

Referred to the Committee on Evening Schools.

Petition from Robert W. Taylor *et als.*; continuance of Phillips Evening School.

The Chair presented a petition signed by Robert W. Taylor and one hundred fifteen others asking that the Phillips Evening School be continued.

Referred to the Committee on Evening Schools.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from President of Department of School Administration of the National Educational Association for School Boards; national convention of school boards.

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SCHOOL BOARDS.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., Sept. 3, 1896.

BOARD OF EDUCATION, *Boston, Mass.:*

DEAR SIRS: We desire to notify your honorable body that the first National Convention of School Boards was held in connection with the National Educational Association, at Buffalo, N.Y., July 8th and 10th. The papers read treated the most important and timely problems in school administration, and the discussions which were partaken in by school-board members from all parts of the United States thus brought out the prevailing sentiments as well as the best ideas upon these problems.

The convention also developed the fact that the important relation born of the administrative factors or school boards to the general educational system of the United States is now receiving the attention the subject demands. The convention expressed the convictions, in a resolution unanimously adopted, that the judgment of school boards should be recognized in all school legislation, as well as that of the teaching forces, more specially in laws touching upon the practical affairs of school administration, and that to this end all school boards should take the proper steps towards demanding that recognition at the hands of State legislation to which their functions as administrative bodies entitle them.

School boards who were not represented by delegates are notified that a complete report of the proceedings and all future announcements will appear in the "American School Board Journal," which has been designated as the official publication, and which we understand can be obtained at a nominal cost.

Members desiring discussion of certain topics at the next convention, suggestions thereto, or those desiring information, may communicate with the Secretary of the Department.

Yours respectfully,

H. L. GETZ,

President.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

BOSTON, Sept. 3, 1896.

To the Secretary of the Boston School Committee:

Communication from Joseph T. Ward, Jr.; discharge of.

Yours of the 25th ult. announcing my discharge from the service received.

I hereby protest against the action of the committee, and ask for a hearing before the full Board.

Yours truly,

JOSEPH T. WARD, JR.

Referred to the Committee on the Ninth Division.

Death of George R. Keene.

Mr. Blanchard, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, reported the death of George R. Keene, late sub-master in the Quincy District.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Blanchard, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary pro tem.

In School Committee, Sept. 22, 1896.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mr. Liebmann.

On motion of Mr. Davison, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, City Hall, Sept. 22, 1896.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; $300,000 appropriation for improvements in sanitation and ventilation of school-houses. [See pp. 313, 314.]

Isaac F. Paul, Esq., *President of School Committee:*

Dear Sir: I regret to learn that my letter of August 29th, addressed to you, has given the impression to anybody that I intended to place upon the School Committee the responsibility for the lateness of the date upon which the work of making improvements in school-houses, to be paid for out of the loan appropriation of $300,000, was actually entered upon. I certainly did not intend to give any such impression. The closing sentence of my letter expressed the only idea that I had in mind in writing it. This was as follows:

"I merely desire, at the present time, that it should be clearly understood that I regard it as exclusively within the province of the School Committee to determine what work it is advisable to let contracts for at this time, and to what extent it is practicable or desirable to interfere with the sessions of the schools by the execution of such work."

I did not intend by this sentence, or by anything else in the letter, to imply that the School Committee had been dilatory in its proceedings since the time when the loan order was passed by the City Council, and an understanding arrived at between the committee and myself, as to the procedure to be followed in connection with the planning and execution of the work. The responsibility for delaying the appropriation until it was too late to do any material portion of the work contemplated during the summer vacation rests entirely upon the City Council, and that body was fully advised by me as to

the consequences of delaying the passage of the appropriation. On March 23d I informed the City Council, by a message, that "in order to prepare for the large amount of work involved, and to give proper time for the preparation and approval of plans and the letting of contracts, it is necessary that the money should be made available at once." Again, on May 14th, I stated in a message to the Council, that "The appropriation has already been so delayed that there is now hardly enough time, even if it is made at once, to make the necessary contracts to enable the work to be entered upon at the beginning of the summer vacation; and . . . it will be impossible to do the work planned for this year if the appropriation is further delayed." The appropriation, nevertheless, was not passed by the Council until June 18th.

With all possible diligence, both on the part of the School Committee and the Executive, it would have been impossible, after that date, to prepare the necessary plans and specifications and award the contracts so as to secure the completion of any material part of the work during the summer vacation. The understanding arrived at between the Committee on School Houses and myself as to methods of procedure involved the preparation of new plans and specifications, under the direction of the committee, and the approval of such plans, if found in condition for approval, by myself. The work of preparing, criticising, and modifying the plans and specifications is necessarily a slow one. Differences of opinion in connection with plans and specifications have inevitably arisen, but it has been my desire to have such differences adjusted as speedily and with as little friction as possible.

Whenever a set of plans was returned to the School Committee with my approval, it was for the committee to determine whether, in view of the lateness of the date, it was advisable to enter upon the work at once, causing whatever interference with the use of schoolrooms after the opening of the term was thereby rendered necessary, or to postpone the improvements until next year. I did not intend in my letter to imply any criticism upon the course of the School Committee in deciding that the work of making improvements should go forward at the present time, nor had I formed, even in my own mind, any opinion that such a course was a wrong one. I merely felt it proper that the public should understand that this matter lay exclusively within the province of the School Committee to determine.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY,
Mayor.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

City of Boston.
Street Commissioner's Office,
City Hall, Sept. 16, 1896.

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for land taken on Walk Hill, Wachusett, and Patten streets. [See pp. 135, 136, 315.]

To the Honorable the School Committee:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with the heirs or devisees of Andrew J. Peters upon the sum of nine thousand dollars as payment for 30,000 square feet of land taken from said heirs or devisees, on Walk Hill, Wachusett, and Patten streets, at West Roxbury, for school purposes, Aug. 26, 1896 (recorded same day), upon said heirs or devisees giving to the city of Boston a deed for said land satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,
J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

City of Boston.
Street Commissioners' Office,
City Hall, Sept. 15, 1896.

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for land taken on Poplar street. [See pp. 10, 11, 22, 23, 106, 107, 127, 128, 129, 168.]

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with Hawes Atwood upon the sum of ten thousand five hundred dollars as payment for his estate, 12 Poplar street, taken by the Board, May 22, 1896 (and taking recorded same day), for school purposes, upon a deed being given to the city for the same which shall be satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,
J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

City of Boston.
Street Commissioners' Office,
City Hall, Sept. 16, 1896.

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; taking of land on Richmond street, Dorchester. [See pp. 301, 302.]

To the Honorable the School Committee:

In accordance with the request contained in your order of Aug. 4, 1896, the Board of Street Commissioners have this day taken for school purposes 1,019 square feet of land on Dorchester avenue (for

an addition to school estate on Richmond street), and their decree of taking has been this day recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,

Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for land taken on Poplar street. [See pp. 10, 11, 22, 23, 106, 107, 127, 128, 129, 168.]

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, Sept. 17, 1896.

To the Honorable School Committee:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with Elmer F. Hudson, executor of the estate of Reuben Smith, upon the sum of eleven thousand dollars as payment for the estate 10 Poplar street, taken from said Smith by the Board, May 22, 1896 (and taking recorded same day), for school purposes, upon a deed being given to the city for the same which shall be satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,

Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Superintendent of Schools; assignment of schools to Supervisors.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, Sept. 22, 1896.

ISAAC F. PAUL, ESQ., *President of the Boston School Committee:*

DEAR SIR: Herewith I hand you a schedule showing the assignment of schools to the Supervisors for the current year I would suggest, if it be the pleasure of the committee, that this schedule be printed in the Minutes for the information of the members of the committee, and of the principals of the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,

Superintendent of Public Schools.

ASSIGNMENTS TO SUPERVISORS.

MR. PETERSON.

Latin (Boys), Latin (Girls), English High, Girls' High, Roxbury High, West Roxbury High, Dorchester High, East Boston High, Charlestown High, Brighton High, and Horace Mann Schools; Agassiz, Bowditch, Charles Sumner, and Robert G. Shaw Districts; Evening High School and branches.

Mr. Conley.

Mechanic Arts High School; Bigelow, Gaston, John A. Andrew, Lawrence, Lincoln, Lowell (Grammar grades), Norcross, Shurtleff, Thomas N. Hart, and Winthrop Districts. Bigelow and Lincoln Evening Schools.

Mr. Martin.

Normal, Rice Training Schools, and School on Spectacle Island; Adams, Bunker Hill, Chapman, Emerson, Frothingham, Harvard, Lyman, Prescott, Quincy (Grammar grades), and Warren Districts. Lyman and Warren Evening Schools.

Mr. Parker.

Bennett, Bowdoin, Brimmer, Eliot, Hancock, Phillips, Prince, Washington Allston, and Wells Districts. Eliot and Wells Evening Schools.

Mr. Metcalf.

Grammar grades only of Christopher Gibson, Comins, Dearborn, Dillaway, Dudley, Dwight, Edward Everett, Everett, Franklin, George Putnam, Gilbert Stuart, Harris, Henry L. Pierce, Hugh O'Brien, Hyde, Lewis, Martin, Mather, Minot, Roger Clap, Sherwin, and Tileston Districts. Comins and Dearborn Evening Schools.

Miss Arnold.

Primary grades only of Christopher Gibson, Comins, Dearborn, Dillaway, Dudley, Dwight, Edward Everett, Everett, Franklin, George Putnam, Gilbert Stuart, Harris, Henry L. Pierce, Hugh O'Brien, Hyde, Lewis, Lowell, Martin, Mather, Minot, Quincy, Roger Clap, Sherwin, and Tileston Districts. Franklin and Quincy Evening Schools.

Placed on file.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Normal School. — Almira I. Wilson, assistant, Oct. 1, 1896. Resignations of teachers.

Bennett District. — Mary E. Winn, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 21, 1896.

Bigelow District. — Ida M. Condon, assistant, Primary School, Sept. 1, 1896.

Chapman District. — Maria D. Kimball, assistant, Grammar School, Oct. 1, 1896.

Charles Sumner District. — Maud G. Leadbetter, first assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 21, 1896.

Dudley District. — Amanda M. Henderson, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1896.

George Putnam District. — Susan A. MacConnell, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 11, 1896.

Gibson District. — Fidelia A. Adams, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1896.

Hancock District. — Margaret A. M. O'Dowd, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1896.

Lawrence District. — Mary J. Buckley, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1896.

Lewis District. — Sarah E. Fisher, first assistant, Sept. 1, 1896.

Lincoln District. — Frances A. Cornish, assistant, Primary School, Sept. 1, 1896.

Lowell District. — Rose A. Mohan, assistant, Primary School, Sept. 1, 1896.

Norcross District. — Martha G. Buckley, assistant, Primary School, Sept. 1, 1896.

Rice Training School. — Gertrude E. Bigelow, first assistant, Sept. 21, 1896.

Stoughton District. — Leila H. Sprague, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1896.

Wells District. — Mary C. Mellyn, first assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 21, 1896. Mary M. Perry, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 16, 1896.

Manual Training Schools. — George F. Hatch, assistant instructor, Sept. 1, 1896.

Kindergartens.

Everett School. — Helena P. Stacy, principal, Sept. 1, 1896.

Hyde School. — Angeline K. Mudge, assistant, Sept. 1, 1896.

Warrenton-street School. — Mary E. Hazard, assistant, Sept. 1, 1896.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Bennett District. — Mabel K. Tucker, from Sept. 8, 1896. Special assistants.

Christopher Gibson District. — Caroline W. Heckle, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Hancock District. — Gertrude M. Dimick, from Sept. 14, 1896.

Harris District. — Susan J. Berigan, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Winthrop District. — Jane M. O'Brien, from Sept. 16, 1896.

Kindergartens.

Centre-street School. — Lila C. Fisher, from Sept. 21, 1896.

Common-street School. — Amelia M. Mulliken, from Sept. 10, 1896.

Cudworth School. — Maude P. Marshall, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Kettell Building. — Marita M. Burdett, from Sept. 21, 1896.

North Bennet-street School. — Mary I. Parker, from Sept. 10, 1896.

Plummer School. — Mabel Lovell, from Sept. 21, 1896.

Robert G. Shaw School. — Ellen G. Earnshaw, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Thomas N. Hart School. — Clara G. Locke, from Sept. 8, 1896.

West Concord-street School. — Mabel F. Kemp, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Roxbury High School. — Maud G. Leadbetter, assistant, from Oct. 1, 1896.

Adams District. — Helen L. Dennison, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Chapman District. — Mary E. Sheridan, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Christopher Gibson District. — Florence W. Aiken, Joseph T. F. Burrell, assistants, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Dudley District. — Jane M. Gray, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 8, 1896.

George Putnam District. — Lizzie G. Perry, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 15, 1896.

Harris District. — Anna E. Leahy, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Lewis District. — Ann M. Mitchell, Abigail A. Scannell, assistants, Grammar School, Mary H. Burgess, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Lincoln District. — Ella M. Kenniff, Mary F. Lindsay, assistants, Primary School, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Lyman District. — Josephine A. Martin, assistant, Grammar School, Lucy M. Goodwin, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 17, 1896.

Minot District. — Annie T. McCloskey, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Quincy District. — George G. Edwards, sub-master, E. May Hastings, assistant, Grammar School, Blanche F. Harrington, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Sherwin District. — Sara M. Baker, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Tileston District. — Mabel M. Anderson, Alice M. Ryan, assistants, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Kindergartens.

Tappan School. — Margaret T. McCabe, assistant, from Sept. 14, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Normal School. — Gertrude E. Bigelow, Mary C. Mellyn, assistants, from Sept. 21, 1896; Mary C. Shute, assistant teacher of the theory and practice of the Kindergarten, from Sept. 21, 1896; Lillian M. Towne, assistant, from Oct. 1, 1896. Election of teachers on probation.

Boys' Latin School. — George E. Marsh, Jr., junior-master, from Sept. 10, 1896.

Girls' Latin School. — Mary G. Seavey, assistant, from Oct. 5, 1896.

Charlestown High School. — Abby M. Thompson, assistant, from Oct. 1, 1896.

East Boston High School. — Lucia R. Peabody, assistant, from Sept. 14, 1896.

Girls' High School. — Elizabeth M. Richardson, assistant, from Sept. 8, 1896. Mary E. Winn, assistant, Sept. 21, 1896.

Bowditch District. — Lucy M. Bruhn, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Christopher Gibson District. — Flora E. Billings, Ethel P. West, assistants, Grammar School, Mary A. Cussen, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Dillaway District. — Florence H. Griffin, assistant,

Grammar School, fourth year, Emma E. Long, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Eliot District. — Ellen G. Bird, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Hancock District. — Margaret Mulligan, Catherine C. O'Connell, assistants, Grammar School, Katherine F. Doherty, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Hugh O'Brien District. Florence Cahill, assistant, Primary School, fourth year, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Lowell District. — Catherine T. Sullivan, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Stoughton District. — Elizabeth B. Wetherbee, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Schools of Cookery. — Margaret W. Howard, instructor, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Manual Training Schools. — Frederick B. Abbott, Susan B. Thacher, assistant instructors, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Kindergartens.

Thomas N. Hart School. — Cora K. Pierce, assistant, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Yeoman-street School. — Mary T. Hale, principal, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Charlestown High School. — Margaret T. Wise, assistant.

East Boston High School. — Grace M. Crawford, assistant.

English High School. — Frederic B. Hall, junior-master.

Girls' High School. — May M. Smith, assistant.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Allan K. Sweet, instructor of metal working.

Roxbury High School. — Charlotte A. Maynard, assistant, Mary Hubbard, teacher of physical culture.

West Roxbury High School. — Caroline W. Trask, assistant.

Bowdoin District. — Gertrude G. O'Brien, assistant, Primary School.

Brimmer District. — Nellie A. Manning, assistant, Grammar School.

Chapman District. — Annie L. Evans, assistant, Grammar School.

Charles Sumner District. — Esther M. Davies, assistant, Primary School.

Christopher Gibson District. — E. Louise Brown, Catherine F. Byrne, assistants, Grammar School; Feroline W. Fox, assistant, Primary School.

Dearborn District. — Abbie G. Abbott, assistant, Grammar School.

Dillaway District. — Annie E. Mahan, assistant, Grammar School.

Dudley District. — Olive A. Thompson, assistant, Grammar School.

Emerson District. — Annie F. McGillicuddy, assistant, Grammar School; Amy L. Hubbard, Isabella J. Ray, assistants, Primary School.

Frothingham District. — Ida C. S. Wing, assistant, Grammar School.

Hancock District. — Honora T. O'Dowd, first assistant, Grammar School; Florence A. Dunbar, assistant, Grammar School; Maude E. Downing, assistant, Primary School.

Harris District.—M. Ella Tuttle, assistant, Grammar School.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Ethelyn L. Jameson, assistant, Primary School.

Lowell District. — Rebecca Coulter, Mary E. Healey, assistants, Grammar School; Mary Estelle Clapp, assistant, Primary School.

Lyman District. — Adelaide R. Porter, assistant, Primary School.

Martin District. — Katherine Boyd, assistant, Primary School.

Minot District. — A. Isabelle Macarthy, assistant, Primary School.

Prince District. — Winifred M. Morse, assistant, Primary School.

Robert G. Shaw District. — May A. Underhill, assistant, Grammar School.

Thomas N. Hart District. — John D. Philbrick, sub-master, Carrie L. Prescott, assistant, Primary School.

Kindergartens.

Atherton Building. — Milla H. Temple, principal.

Choate Burnham School. — Elizabeth E. Henchey, principal.

Joshua Bates School. — Jessie L. Johnson, assistant.

Quincy-street School. — Almeda A. Holmes, assistant.

Rutland-street School. — H. Maude Marshall, assistant.

School-street School. — Alice Fobes, assistant.

Stephen M. Weld School. — Isabel C. French, principal.

Training School Kindergarten.— Edith F. Winsor, assistant.

William H. Kent School. — Phebe A. DeLande, principal, Ruphine A. Morris, assistant.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

TRANSFERS.

Lawrence District. — Laura S. Russell, assistant, Primary School, to the same position in the Bigelow District, to date from Oct. 1, 1896. Transfers of teachers.

Mather District. — Eva C. Fairbrother, assistant, Primary School, on probation, to the position of assistant, Grammar School, on probation, in the same district, to date from Oct. 1, 1896.

Kindergartens.

Baldwin School. — Juliette Billings, assistant, on probation, to the same position on probation in the Warrenton-street School, to date from Oct. 1, 1896.

Common-street School. — Edna W. Marsh, assistant, on probation, to the same position on probation in the Hyde School, to date from Oct. 1, 1896.

Thomas N. Hart School. — Mary I. Hamilton, assistant, to the same position in the Baldwin School, to date from Oct. 1, 1896.

Yeoman-street School. — Bertha F. Cushman, principal, to the same position in the Quincy-street School, to date from Oct. 1, 1896.

Accepted, and the transfers confirmed.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Grace Hall.

Christopher Gibson District. — Grace Hall, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 8, 1896, until Jan. 1, 1897.

Eliza Brown.

Dillaway District. — Eliza Brown, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1896, until Jan. 8, 1897; Mattie T. Howes, substitute.

Ida S. Hammerle.

Dudley District. — Ida S. Hammerle, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 21, 1896, until Jan. 21, 1897; Catharine M. McGinley, substitute.

Agnes G. Wright.

Edward Everett District. — Agnes G. Wright, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 8, 1896, until Jan. 1, 1897.

Eva D. Pickering.

Franklin District. — Eva D. Pickering, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 18, 1896, until Jan. 18, 1897; Emma F. Luker, substitute.

Josephine M. Robertson.

Hancock District. — Josephine M. Robertson, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1896, until Dec. 1, 1896; Abby E. Flagg, substitute.

Anna K. Barry.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Anna K. Barry, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1896, until Jan. 1, 1897; Alice B. Cherrington, substitute.

Gertrude P. Davis.

Minot District. — Gertrude P. Davis, first assistant, from Sept. 8, 1896, until Dec. 1, 1896.

Fannie W. Hussey.

Norcross District. — Fannie W. Hussey, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 8, 1896, until Oct. 1, 1896; Margaret J. Shenck, substitute.

Clara A. McNamee, substitute.

Phillips District. — Clara A. McNamee, substitute for Louise H. Hinckley, assistant, Grammar School, granted leave of absence.

Luthera W. Bird.

Prince District. — Luthera W. Bird, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1896, until Jan. 1, 1897; Annie G. Hughes, substitute.

Mabel I. Emerson.

Rice Training School. — Mabel I. Emerson, assistant, from Sept. 8, 1896, until Jan. 8, 1897; Susan H. Nugent, substitute.

Sherwin District. — Annie M. Trundy, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1896, until Dec. 2, 1896; Susan L. Mara, substitute. Nellie H. Crowell, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 8, 1896, until Oct. 1, 1896; Mary F. Sullivan, substitute.

Annie M. Trundy.

Nellie H. Crowell.

Shurtleff District. — Winnifred C. Folan, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1896, until Jan. 1, 1897; Sarah T. Driscoll, substitute.

Winnifred C. Folan.

Kindergartens.

Kettell Building. — Sara K. Savary, assistant, from Sept. 8, 1896, until Dec. 1, 1896; Emma F. Temple, substitute.

Sara K. Savary.

Tappan School. — Jennie L. Waterbury, principal, from Sept. 14, 1896, until Oct. 1, 1896; Helen M. Paine, substitute.

Jennie L. Waterbury.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the committee in charge, reported the following nomination for reëlection, for the term ending Aug. 31, 1897:

Report of Committee on Nominations; reëlection of James Burrier.

Eliot District. — James Burrier, sub-master, on probation.

Accepted, and the teacher reëlected for the term specified.

Mr. Strange, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and Second Division, reported the following nomination of a candidate for the position of principal of the Prescott School:

Report of Joint Committee on Nominations and Second Division; nomination of principal of Prescott School.

William H. Furber, master, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

Ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Anderson, Page, and Mrs. Keller a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

William H. Furber elected principal of Prescott School.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 23; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. Darius Hadley had 1 vote; William H. Furber had 22 votes and was accordingly declared elected principal of the Prescott School, with the rank of master, to date from Sept. 8, 1896.

Report of Committee on Nominations; candidates for Secretary of School Committee.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations of candidates for Secretary of the School Committee:

Warren P. Adams, Thornton D. Apollonio, Charles D. Craigie, Albert U. Grozier, William Carroll Pope.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Mr. Gallivan, Mrs. Fifield, and Mr. Bassett a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 23; necessary for a choice under the rule, 12.

Thornton D. Apollonio elected Secretary of School Committee.

Willard S. Allen had 1 vote; Albert U. Grozier had 1 vote; William Carroll Pope had 2 votes; Warren P. Adams had 5 votes; Thornton D. Apollonio had 14 votes and was accordingly declared elected Secretary of the School Committee.

Secretary qualified.

The Secretary of the Board was qualified as Secretary of the Corporation, the President administering the oath of office.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from His Honor the Mayor relative to $300,000 appropriation. [See pp. 313, 314.]

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — Sept. 8 — a communication from His Honor the Mayor relative to the $300,000 appropriation for improvements in sanitation and ventilation of school-houses, reported that in view of the communication received this evening from His Honor the Mayor no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That a portion of the Bigelow School-house lot, South Boston, bounded and described as follows, viz.: northeasterly, by Silver street, 8 inches; southeasterly, by land of the city of Boston, 58 feet; southwesterly by land of the city of Boston, 8 inches; northwesterly by land of Carrie A. Jacobs, 58 feet; be surrendered to the City Council, said land not being required for school purposes.

Surrender of portion of Bigelow School lot to City Council.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That accommodations in the Common-street, Ingraham, Somerset-street, Tyler-street, Sharp, Mather, Cyrus Alger, Ticknor, Howard-avenue, Winthrop-street, Ira Allen, Roxbury-street, Heath-street, Savin Hill, Old Everett, Old Gibson, Quincy-street, Williams, Chestnut-avenue, Adams-street, Stoughton School-houses, and basement rooms in the Bowdoin, Roger Clap, and Christopher Gibson School-houses be granted to the Board of Election Commissioners, for election purposes on the days of the State election (November 3) and the city election (December 15), provided that said Board assume all expenses in connection therewith, and with the understanding that no requests for the use of school-houses for election purposes shall be made hereafter.

Accommodations in school-houses for election purposes.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That there be paid to the heirs or devisees of Andrew J. Peters the sum of nine thousand dollars ($9,000) as payment for 30,000 square feet of land taken from said heirs or devisees, on Walk Hill, Wachusett, and Patten streets, West Roxbury, for school pur-

Purchase of land on Walk Hill, Wachusett, and Patten streets. [See pp. 135, 136, 315, 331.]

poses, Aug. 26, 1896 (and recorded same day), upon said heirs or devisees giving to the city of Boston a deed of said land satisfactory to the Law Department.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Purchase of land on Poplar street. [See pp. 10, 11, 22, 23, 106, 107, 127, 128, 129, 168, 332.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Elmer F. Hudson, executor of the estate of Reuben Smith, the sum of eleven thousand dollars ($11,000) as payment for the estate 10 Poplar street, taken from said Smith, for school purposes, May 22, 1896 (and recorded same day), upon the giving to the city of a deed of said land satisfactory to the Law Department.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Purchase of land on Poplar street. [See pp. 10, 11, 22, 23, 106, 107, 127, 128, 129, 168, 331.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Hawes Atwood the sum of ten thousand five hundred dollars ($10,500) as payment for the estate 12 Poplar street, taken from said Atwood, for school purposes, May 22, 1896 (and recorded same day), upon the said Atwood giving to the city a deed of said land satisfactory to the Law Department.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Appropriation for site for West End School-house.

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895 the following appropriation be made:

West End School-house, site, $75,000.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, offered the following:

Approval of plans prepared by James Mulcahy for Primary School-house, Vernon street, Roxbury.

Ordered, That the supplementary plans and specifications involving certain changes found to be necessary, prepared by James Mulcahy, architect, for a Primary School-house on Vernon street, Dudley District, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be

accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the said James Mulcahy is hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accordance with said plans and specifications; and the Committee on School Houses is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect same in accordance with said plans and specifications, and to make on behalf of this Board the necessary contracts for such work subject to the approval of the Mayor.

For the information of the Board, the Chair read the following:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, Sept. 21, 1896.

To the Committee on School Houses:

GENTLEMEN: I have carefully examined the revised plans and specifications for a Primary School-house of ten (10) rooms, on Vernon street, Dudley District, Roxbury, which plans were prepared by James Mulcahy, architect, 43 Milk street, Boston, and were described more particularly in my communication to you of the 4th of August last. These plans and specifications have my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

The order passed.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, offered the following:

Approval of plans prepared by Theodore M. Clark for new Grammar School-house, Harris District.

Ordered, That the supplementary plans and specifications involving certain changes found to be necessary, prepared by Theodore M. Clark, architect, for the erection of a Grammar School-house in the Harris District, Dorchester, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the said Theodore M. Clark is hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accord-

ance with said plans and specifications, and the Committee on School Houses is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect same in accordance with said plans and specifications, and to make on behalf of this Board the necessary contracts for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

For the information of the Board, the Chair read the following:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, Sept. 21, 1896.

To the Committee on School Houses:

GENTLEMEN: I have carefully examined the revised plans and specifications for a Grammar School-house of twelve (12) rooms, in the Harris District, Dorchester, which plans were prepared by Theodore M. Clark, architect, 22 Congress street, Boston, and were described more particularly in my communication to you of the 4th of August last. These revised plans and specifications have my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

The order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; facilities for bathing in Paul Revere School-house. [See p. 163.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 12 — an order that bathing facilities be provided in the Paul Revere School building and in the new school building in the Wells District, reported that they have fully considered the matter and recommend that the order ought not to pass, for the following reasons:

The provisions of the Massachusetts Public Statutes, chapter 27, section 13, authorize cities and towns to raise and appropriate money for purchasing or leasing lands and the erection, alteration, enlargement, repair, and improvement of buildings for public baths and wash-houses, either with or without open drying grounds, and the fitting up and furnishing of the same with the requisite conveniences. Section 14 of said chapter

authorizes cities and towns to establish rates for the use of such baths and wash-houses, to appoint officers therefor, and to make by-laws for the government of such officers and to make rules and regulations for the management of such baths and wash-houses.

These provisions plainly contemplate the maintenance of public baths at municipal expense, but in no way contemplate their location in school buildings, and your committee are of the opinion that they have no legal right to use school moneys for the maintenance of baths or wash-houses either for the public or the school children. Your committee hesitate to take the position that it is the duty of the school authorities to bathe the children in the public schools because they may not be clean, for if this be granted, we see no reason why we should not clothe them if they be improperly clothed, or feed them if not properly nourished at home.

But outside of the legal questions involved, your committee do not believe that it is in the interest of the public health to place these wash-houses in the basements of our school buildings to there accumulate the uncleanliness which may be brought in on the bodies of the school children. More or less of foul odors must necessarily come from this practice, and your committee feel that the suggestion that eventually these wash-houses be used for the general public is not in the interest of proper school sanitation. Furthermore, your committee believe that the plan contemplated by the order in question will cause both expense and friction in school management. It will be necessary to employ an extra man and woman to look after the boys and girls in the baths, and the constant use of these baths by the pupils will interfere more or less with the orderly conduct of recitations, and is likely to take away the

pupils from the time which they should get in their class-rooms.

In view of the many questions and objections raised in this matter, your committee would respectfully report that in their opinion the order should not pass, and that no further action is necessary.

Mr. Dunn stated that one member of the Committee on School Houses dissents from this report.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the whole matter was referred to the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training.

Mr. Adams, for the Committee on the Normal School, offered the following:

Salary of Lillian M. Towne.

Ordered, That Lillian M. Towne, assistant in the Normal School, be placed upon the third year of service in her rank, to date from Oct. 1, 1896.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Adams, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following:

Salary of Thomas G. Rees.

Ordered, That Thomas G. Rees, sub-master in the Comins District, be placed upon the third year of service in his rank, to date from Oct. 1, 1896.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Calderwood, the vote whereby the above order was referred to the Committee on Salaries was reconsidered.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the rules were suspended, the necessary number voting therefor, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Examinations; examination of candidates for positions of first assistants,

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on Examinations, to whom were referred — June 18 — orders relative to the examination of candidates for the position of first assistant in the Primary Schools, and also an order relative to a

special certificate of qualification for the rank of first assistant, Grammar or Primary School, reported that they have given their careful attention to this whole subject, and have made provisions for the examination of candidates for the positions of first assistants, Grammar and Primary Schools. Your committee report that no further action is necessary by the Board.

Grammar and Primary Schools. [See pp. 262, 263 264.]

Accepted.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That temporary changes in the High School course of study, for certain pupils who may desire to prepare themselves for college, be authorized with the approval of the Board of Supervisors.

Temporary changes in course of study for High Schools.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That on account of lack of accommodations for the pupils of the Charles Sumner District, a teacher be allowed to hold a session from eight to twelve o'clock, and that provision be made to hold another session from one to four o'clock, and that separate classes of pupils attend morning and afternoon until the Beech-street school-house shall be completed.

Sessions in Charles Sumner District.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That rooms for cooking and woodworking be fitted up in the basement of the Charles Sumner School-house.

Fitting of rooms for cookery and woodworking in Charles Sumner School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the Second Division, reported the death of Ida O. Hurd, late assistant, Grammar School, in the Bunker Hill District.

Death of Ida O. Hurd

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Drawing, it was

Committee on Drawing to report in print.

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing be authorized to report in print.

Report of Committee on Drawing; communication from Common Council; establishment of post-graduate course in Evening Drawing Schools. [See pp. 155, 156.]

Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 12 — a communication from the Common Council relative to the establishment of a post-graduate course in the Evening Drawing Schools, reported that while this committee appreciate the advantages to be obtained from the establishment of such a course, yet in view of the expense involved they recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed that in the opinion of this Board it is inexpedient to establish such a course at the present time.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the Common Council.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, it was

Position of Master of Evening Drawing Schools.

Ordered, That the position of Master of Evening Drawing Schools be and hereby is created.

Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of Master of Evening Drawing Schools.

Ordered, That the salary of the Master of Evening Drawing Schools be placed at two thousand dollars ($2,000) per annum.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Manual Training, offered the following:

Salary of Harriet E. Bird.

Ordered, That Harriet E. Bird, assistant instructor in the Mechanic Arts High School, be placed upon the third year of service in her rank, to date from Sept. 8, 1896.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of thirty dollars ($30) be allowed for clerical service in the Mechanic Arts High School.

Allowance for clerical service in Mechanic Arts High School.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That Stanley H. Rood, temporary junior-master in the Mechanic Arts High School, be paid the sum of $10 for extra services performed.

Payment to Stanley H. Rood.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That a room for woodworking be fitted up in the Agassiz School-house.

Fitting of room for wood-working in Agassiz School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Evening Schools, to whom was referred — Sept. 8 — a petition signed by Robert W. Taylor and one hundred fifteen others, asking that the Phillips Evening School be continued, reported that they have granted a hearing to the petitioners, and given the matter careful consideration. They are of the opinion that ample provision has been made for Evening School pupils in that section of the city, and recommend that no further action by the Board is necessary.

Report of Committee on Evening Schools; petition from Robert W. Taylor *et als.*; continuance of Phillips Evening School. [See p. 326.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 8 — a petition signed by Abraham Tamer and six others asking that a Syrian teacher be allowed in the Quincy Evening School during the term 1896–97, reported that they have duly considered the

Report of Committee on Evening Schools; petition from Abraham Tamer *et als.* relative to

Syrian teacher in Quincy Evening School. [See p. 325.]

matter, and recommend that it is inexpedient to adopt the suggestion this year.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Evening Schools; establishment of classes in cookery in Evening Schools. [See p. 101.]

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 10 — an order that the Committee on Manual Training be authorized to establish classes in cookery in the Evening Schools, reported that they have given the matter careful consideration, and in view of the fact that no school-house used for Evening School purposes is equipped with a school kitchen, and the insufficient funds available for such classes in the day schools, they recommend that no action be taken on the order referred.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, offered the following:

Sessions of Evening Elementary Schools.

Ordered, That the sessions of the Evening Elementary Schools for the term 1896–97 shall begin at half-past seven and close at half-past nine o'clock.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Anderson offered the following:

Special committee to consider expediency of petitioning Commonwealth to assume charge of Boston Normal School.

Ordered, That a special committee of five be appointed by the President to consider and to report upon the expediency of petitioning the Commonwealth to assume charge of the Boston Normal School.

Mr. Fowler raised the point of order that the matter having already been referred to a standing committee, a special committee cannot be appointed to consider the same subject without reconsideration of the previous vote.

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken.

Mr. Wise raised the point of order that under the

rules the order should be referred to the Committee on the Normal School, and that it would require a suspension of the rules to pass the order.

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken.

The order passed.

The Chair appointed as such committee Messrs. Gallivan, Dunn, Calderwood, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Bassett.

Approved.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following:

Ordered, That Charles W. Gerould, junior-master in the East Boston High School, be placed upon the fourth year of his rank, to date from Sept. 1, 1896.

Salary of Charles W. Gerould.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That an extra ungraded class be allowed in the John A. Andrew District, making two in all.

Extra ungraded class in John A. Andrew District.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to report to this Board the cost of building an addition of four rooms to the Bigelow School-house.

Cost of building an addition of four rooms to Bigelow School-house.

On motion of Mr. Huggan, for the Committee on Salaries, it was

Ordered, That the salary of the Secretary of the School Committee be fixed at the rate of twenty-seven hundred dollars ($2,700) for the first year of service, with an annual increase of three hundred dollars ($300) until the sum of thirty-three hundred dollars ($3,300) is reached.

Salary of Secretary of School Committee.

Report of Committee on Salaries; employment of laboratory assistant in English High School. [See pp. 174, 218, 308.]

Mr. Huggan, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Aug. 4 — an order relative to the employment of a laboratory assistant in the English High School, reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools be authorized to employ a laboratory assistant for classes in chemistry and physics in the English High School, to date from Sept. 8, 1896, at a salary not to exceed five hundred dollars ($500) per annum.

Report of Committee on Salaries; petition of training teachers for compensation. [See p. 177.]

Mr. Huggan, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 26 — a petition from Alice L. Williams, and others, training teachers in the public schools, asking that they be paid a suitable compensation for their service as training teachers, reported that this matter has received the careful consideration of the committee. In view of the recent passage of the salary bill, under which a liberal advance in salaries has been made, your committee are of the opinion that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioners at the present time. They therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Blanchard, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was,

Removal of buildings from yard of Winthrop School-house.

Ordered, That the Boston Transit Commission be requested to remove such buildings and material as they have temporarily placed in the yard of the Winthrop School-house.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Dunn, the vote whereby the above order was declared passed, was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, the order was referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

SEPTEMBER, 1896.

Petition of residents of Roslindale; naming of school-house in honor of Francis Parkman.

To the Honorable the School Committee of Boston:

The undersigned, residents of Roslindale, in the West Roxbury District of Boston, respectfully ask that the school-house now being erected at the corner of South and Hewlett streets, Roslindale, may be named the Francis Parkman School, to honor the memory of the eminent scholar and historian who resided in this district.

SOLOMON B. STEBBINS,
and thirty-four others.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Oct. 13, 1896.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Anderson, Liebmann, McDonald, Page, and Wetmore.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

City of Boston.

Office of the Mayor, City Hall, Oct. 13, 1896.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor relative to the reservoir lot, South Boston.

To the Boston School Committee:

On January 2d of the present year the following order was passed by the City Council in relation to the site for the proposed High School for South Boston:

"*Ordered*, That so much of the reservoir lot, in Thomas park, South Boston, as the Committee on School Houses of the School Committee, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, shall select for a High School for the South Boston district, be surrendered to the School Committee, to be used for said purpose whenever the Water Commissioner shall notify the Mayor that the same is no longer needed for the Water Department."

On August 4th I received the following communication from the Water Commissioner in regard to this matter:

"Office of the Water Commissioner,

"City Hall, Boston, Aug. 4, 1896.

"Hon. Josiah Quincy, *Mayor:*

"Dear Sir: I would report to you that the Water Board has laid the necessary pipes in South Boston, so that we are ready, whenever you so desire, to surrender the reservoir site, or any portion of it.

"This department has been put to considerable expense in this work. In addition it is proposed to take away from us, without any recompense, a valuable property (the reservoir site), — part of the assets of the service. I am of the opinion that the School Com-

mittee should pay the value of this land, the proceeds to be turned into the sinking-fund of the Water Department, or applied to the further extension of the system. It appears to me that action of this kind should be taken, both as a matter of business and in order that the rights of the holders of Water Department bonds should be properly protected.

"Respectfully yours,

"JOHN R. MURPHY,

"*Water Commissioner.*"

After taking some time to consider the financial question raised by the Water Commissioner, I now feel obliged to notify your Board that I concur in the opinion expressed by him, that, as the reservoir lot is a part of the assets of the Water Department, no part of it should be turned over to the School Committee unless it is paid for at a fair valuation. The maintenance of a separation between the finances of the water system and those of the city generally is one of the most important principles of municipal finance, and a transfer by the Water Department of a piece of valuable property, without compensation, even though made to another department of the city government, would be a violation of that principle. It does not seem to me proper that property purchased out of water-rates, or out of a loan to be paid off out of water-rates, should be diverted to the use of a department which is supported by taxation, or by loans to be paid off out of future taxes.

I therefore feel it my duty, if the letter of the Water Commissioner is to be taken as a notice that the reservoir lot is, in the language of the order, "no longer needed for the Water Department," to notify your Board that I must withhold my approval of the taking of any portion of said lot which "the Committee on School Houses of the School Committee shall select for a High School for the South Boston District," unless your Board authorizes the payment, out of its funds, of a price which the Board of Street Commissioners shall, under the provisions of chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, pronounce, with my approval, to be a fair one.

I desire also to suggest that, even if your Board is willing to pay a fair price to the Water Department for any land so taken, it might be desirable to reëxamine the question of the suitability of the reservoir lot for the site of a High School. After visiting Thomas park and examining the location of the proposed site, I feel serious doubts whether it is a proper one for a school.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY,

Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from City Council, requesting School Committee to allow South End Branch of Public Library to remain undisturbed.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, Oct. 5, 1896.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor request the School Board to allow the South End Branch of the Public Library to remain undisturbed until another suitable location can be found for the same.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence. October 8, came up concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Oct. 10, 1896.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Common Council; accommodations for pupils in Edward Everett School.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Sept. 23, 1896.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to report to the Common Council as soon as possible if some arrangement cannot be made to furnish school accommodations for the pupils of the Edward Everett School while the building is undergoing repairs.

Passed in Common Council, Sept. 23, 1896.

A true copy.

Attest: JOSEPH O'KANE,
Clerk of the Common Council.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor; communication from Common Council; site for school-house at corner of Thorndike and Reed streets, Ward 17.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, BOSTON, Sept. 23, 1896.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to look into the advisability of securing a site for a school-house at the corner of Thorndike and Reed streets, Ward 17, and report their findings to the Common Council.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Sept. 23, 1896.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

JOSEPH A. CONRY,
President.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Sept. 25, 1896.

Respectfully referred to the Boston School Committee by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

THOMAS A. MULLEN,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from City Council; provision of school-yard for the Moulton street Primary School, Ward 3.

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, Sept. 28, 1896.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to report to the City Council what steps have been taken in regard to providing a school-yard for the Moulton-street Primary School, Ward 3.

Passed in Common Council, September 28. Came up for concurrence. Concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from City Council; use of English High School-house as South End Branch of Public Library.

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN COMMON COUNCIL, Oct. 1, 1896.

Whereas, The School Committee has notified the Trustees of the Public Library that the English High School building can no longer be used as the South End branch of the Public Library; and

Whereas, It has been suggested that such branch may be discontinued:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston desires to protest against the abandonment of any of the existing branches of the Public Library, and to place itself on record as in favor of increasing, rather than decreasing, the present number of local delivery stations.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence. In Board of Aldermen, October 5, concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Superintendent of Public Buildings; acceptance of Gilbert Stuart School.

CITY OF BOSTON.
OFFICE OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, Oct. 10, 1896.

MR. ISAAC F. PAUL, *President of the School Board:*

DEAR SIR: I have this day accepted, subject to the terms and conditions of the contract, the Gilbert Stuart School on Richmond street, Dorchester.

Yours truly,

FRED. B. BOGAN,
Superintendent of Public Buildings.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Superintendent of Schools; report as to carrying out of Regulations relative to instruction by masters. [See p. 285.]

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, Oct. 13, 1896.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston:

In obedience to the order of your honorable body, passed on June 30th last, "That the Superintendent be requested to report to this Board how far, if at all, the provision of section 196 of the Rules and Regulations, providing that the principals of Grammar Schools shall give an average of at least two hours a day to instruction in their schools, is disregarded, and by what principals," I have made careful inquiry, and have learned from the reports of the masters submitted to me that, in all but twelve (12) of the fifty-five (55) Grammar Schools of the city, masters have complied with section 196 of the Regulations, and teach two hours or more daily in their several schools. Six masters state that they do not, and cannot, comply with the requirements of this section of the Regulations, for reasons given in their reports. Six others are doubtful whether they do or do not comply with the terms of this Regulation.

All reports on this subject from all the masters are on file in my office, and are open to the inspection of members of the School Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Wise, the above communication from the Superintendent of Schools was taken from the files and laid on the table.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Charlestown High School. — Lillian M. Towne, assistant, Oct. 1, 1896.

Girls' High School. — Emma W. Kaan, assistant, Sept. 1, 1896.

Roxbury High School. — Annie N. Crosby, assistant, Oct. 5, 1896.

George S. Berry, Jr., laboratory assistant, Oct. 1, 1896.

West Roxbury High School. — M. Louise Foster, assistant, Oct. 12, 1896.

Bigelow District. — George A. Cowen, assistant, Grammar School, Oct. 13, 1896.

Charles Sumner District. — Mary P. Crosby, assistant, Grammar School, Oct. 5, 1896. Helen F. Lambert, assistant, Primary School, Sept. 1, 1896.

Eliot District. — Mary H. Lannon, assistant, Primary School, Sept. 1, 1896.

Everett District. — Ann R. Gavett, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1896.

Harris District. — M. Ella Tuttle, assistant, Grammar School, Oct. 1, 1896.

Henry L. Pierce District. — James H. Burdett, first assistant, Grammar School, Oct. 19, 1896.

John A. Andrew District. — Ella I. Cass, assistant, Grammar School, Oct. 1, 1896.

Lawrence District. — Eva E. Hall, assistant, Grammar School, Oct. 1, 1896.

Phillips District. — Mary E. McIntire, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1896.

Prescott District. — William H. Furber, sub-master, Sept. 8, 1896.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Bennett District. — Jennie L. Worth, from Oct. 5, 1896. Special assistants.

Charles Sumner District. — Maude C. Hartnett, Catherine M. Lynch, Margaret E. Sullivan, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Christopher Gibson District. — Elizabeth G. Crotty, from Oct. 5, 1896.

Hancock District. — Mary J. Ryan, from Oct. 1, 1896.

Lowell District. — Agnes L. Moran, from Oct 12, 1896.

Prince District. — Laura A. Ells, from Sept. 30, 1896.

Roger Clap District. — Alice B. Hennessey, from Sept. 23, 1896.

Sherwin District. — Mabel W. Chandler, from Oct. 12, 1896.

Agassiz Kindergarten. — Helen B. Foster, from Sept. 15, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Latin School. — William W. Howe, junior-master, from Sept. 15, 1896. Temporary teachers.

Girls' High School. — Mary H. Shed, assistant, from Sept. 28, 1896.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Harry W. Whittemore, junior-master, from Sept. 30, 1896.

Roxbury High School. — Grace E. H. Casey, assistant, from Oct. 12, 1896.

Adams District. — Leonora E. Scolley, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Agassiz District. — Georgie F. Drake, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1896; Mary L. Long, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8 to Sept. 18, 1896, inclusive; Frances Z. Whalen, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8 to Sept. 16, 1896, inclusive; Fanny L. Rogers, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 17, 1896.

Bennett District. — Martha A. Sawyer, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 21, 1896.

Bunker Hill District. — Josephine F. Hannon, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Charles Sumner District. — Rose E. Keenan, Rebekah C. Riley, Harriet E. Thing, assistants, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Christopher Gibson District. — Elizabeth G. Crotty, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 10 to Oct. 4, 1896, inclusive.

Dearborn District. — Elizabeth B. McKeon, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 12, 1896.

Eliot District. — Susie F. Jordan, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 28, 1896; Martha J. Ambrose, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 5, 1896.

Everett District. — Abbie E. Wilson, assistant, Grammar School, Mary S. Murphy, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 8, 1896; Mary L. Gaylord, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8 to Sept. 11, 1896, inclusive.

Franklin District. — Emma F. Luker, assistant, Primary School, from Oct. 8, 1896.

Frothingham District. — Mabel B. LeFavor, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1896.

George Putnam District. — E. Irving Beal, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 28, 1896.

Hancock District. — Mary F. Malone, assistant,

Grammar School, from Sept. 14, 1896, Mary G. Mahar, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 21, 1896.

Harris District. — Fanny L. Short, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 5, 1896.

Lincoln District. — Rachel W. Washburn, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 23, 1896.

Phillips District. — Julia E. Sullivan, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1896; Katherine C. Coveney, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 1, 1896.

Prescott District. — Mary E. Kent, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Sherwin District. — Susan L. Mara, assistant, Grammar School, Laura L. Brown, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Thomas N. Hart District. — M. Edna Cherrington, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 21, 1896.

Wells District. — Frank L. Titcomb, first assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 21, 1896; Mary V. Prendergast, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 17, 1896.

Schools of Cookery. — Julia C. Crowley, instructor, from Sept. 8, 1896; Annie G. Furlong, instructor, from Oct. 1, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Latin School.—George S. Berry, Jr., junior-master, from Oct. 1, 1896.

Brighton High School. — Elvira B. Smith, assistant, from Sept. 29, 1896.

Charlestown High School. — Elizabeth G. Dowd, assistant, from Oct. 1, 1896.

English High School. — Peter F. Gartland, junior-master, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Girls' High School. — Grace G. Starbird, assistant, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Roxbury High School. — Irving H. Upton, junior-master, from Oct. 12, 1896; Maud G. Leadbetter, assistant, from Oct. 5, 1896.

West Roxbury High School. — Elenora R. Clare, assistant, from Sept. 8, 1896; George A. Cowen, assistant, from Oct. 13, 1896.

Agassiz District. — Annie C. Gallup, assistant, Grammar School, third year, from Sept. 21, 1896.

Bennett District. — James H. Burdett, sub-master, from Oct. 19, 1896; Annie R. Cox, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Chapman District. — Florence K. Glover, assistant, Grammar School, second year, from Oct. 1, 1896.

Charles Sumner District. — Mary M. A. Twombly, assistant, Grammar School, second year, Louise M. Cottle, assistant, Primary School, second year, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Christopher Gibson District.— Flora E. Billings, assistant, Grammar School, third year, from Sept. 8, 1896; E. Gertrude Dudley, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Oct. 5, 1896.

Dwight District. — Mabel E. Latta, assistant, Primary School, second year, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Eliot District. — Helen G. Shannon, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 28, 1896.

Emerson District. — Florence Covington, assistant, Primary School, third year, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Everett District. — Annetta F. Armes, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Sept. 8, 1896.

George Putnam District. — Mary B. Tenney, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Oct. 15, 1896.

Harris District. — Anna E. Leahy, assistant, Grammar School, second year, from Oct. 1, 1896.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Orris L. Beverage, first assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 19, 1896.

Hyde District. — A. Maud Gilbert, assistant, Grammar School, second year, from Sept. 8, 1896.

John A. Andrew District. — Anna N. Suhl, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 1, 1896; Olga A. S. Stegelmann, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 5, 1896.

Lawrence District. — Margaret J. Shenck, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 1, 1896.

Lewis District. — Allan L. Sedley, first assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 12, 1896; Abigail A. Scannell, assistant, Grammar School, second year, Mary H. Burgess, assistant, Primary School, second year, from Oct. 1, 1896.

Lincoln District. — Ella M. Kenniff, assistant, Primary School, second year, Mary F. Lindsay, assistant, Primary School, second year, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Lyman District. — Grace O. Peterson, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Mather District. — Harriet C. Tebbetts, assistant, Primary School, from Oct. 6, 1896.

Prescott District. — Melzar H. Jackson, submaster, from Sept. 8, 1896; Mary E. Moran, assistant, Grammar School, second year, from Sept. 11, 1896.

Prince District. — Antoinette Getchell, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Oct. 5, 1896.

Roger Clap District. — Murray H. Ballou, submaster, Williamina Birse, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, Sarah T. Driscoll, assistant, Grammar

School, third year, Josephine A. Martin, assistant, Grammar School, second year, M. Alice Sullivan, assistant, Primary School, fourth year, from Oct. 16, 1896.

Washington Allston District. — Helen E. Raymond, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Wells District. — Alice Dunn, assistant, Grammar School, second year, from Sept. 8, 1896; Katherine E. Evans, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 16, 1896.

Instructor of Sewing. — Mary L. Spencer, from Oct. 5, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Everett District. — Dora W. Rohlsen, assistant, Primary School.

Franklin District. — Eva D. Pickering, assistant, Primary School.

Frothingham District. — Margaret J. O'Hea, Helen G. Stark, assistants, Grammar School.

Mather District. — George A. Smith, sub-master.

Sherwin District. — Adella L. Baldwin, assistant, Grammar School.

Shurtleff District. — Jane M. Bullard, assistant, Grammar School.

Thomas N. Hart District. — Jennie F. McKissick, assistant, Grammar School.

Warren District. — Elizabeth F. Cotter, Abbie M. Mott, assistants, Grammar School.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

TRANSFERS.

Bennett District. — William C. Crawford, sub-master, to the same position in the Washington Allston District, to date from Oct. 1, 1896. Transfer of teachers.

Charles Sumner District. — Esther M. Davies, assistant, Primary School, to the position of assistant, Grammar School, in the same district, to date from Oct. 1, 1896.

Accepted, and the transfers confirmed.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Agassiz District. — Alice Nowland, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1896, until Jan. 1, 1897; James H. Gormley, substitute. Alice Nowland.

Dearborn District. — Catherine M. Lynch, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1896, until Dec. 8, 1896; Anna L. Foster, substitute. Catherine M. Lynch.

Dillaway District. — Annie L. Bennett, first assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1896, until Jan. 1, 1897. Annie L. Bennett.

Everett District. — Mary H. Downe, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 8, 1896, until Dec. 8, 1896; Mary L. Gaylord, substitute. Harriet C. Tebbetts, substitute, from Sept. 1, 1896, until Oct. 1, 1896, for Abbie C. Haslet, assistant, Grammar School, granted leave of absence on half-pay. Mary H. Downe. Harriet C. Tebbetts, substitute.

Martin District. — Katherine Boyd, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 14, 1896, until Jan. 4, 1897; Lydia A. Buxton, subtitute. Katherine Boyd.

Report of Committee on Nominations; instructors in Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations of instructors in the Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools, for the term 1896–97:

Evening High School. — Assistants, John Abbott, Harry N. Andrews, William H. Brown, Frank M. Copeland, Peter F. Gartland, E. Emmons Grover, Charles C. Haines, Walter L. Harrington, Frank M. McCutcheon, Samuel W. Mendum, John H. Moore, Arthur B. Morong, Herbert L. Morse, William L. Murphy, John A. O'Keefe, James E. Peabody, Ernest K. Piper, Henry C. Shaw, Charles E. Stetson, Herbert S. Weaver, from September 28; John A. Brett, John J. Cadigan, Theron H. Carter, Guy W. Cox, William R. P. Emerson, Henry H. Folsom, Frank M. Hawes, Henry Johnston, Frederick C. McLaughlin, Everett C. Roché, John C. Sanborn, Henry M. Walradt, from October 5; George A. Cowen, Charles A. Meader, from October 6. *Instructors of French.* — Jacob Lehmann, Henri Morand, from October 5. *Instructor of German.* — Joseph Blachstein, from October 5. *Instructor of French and German.* — Frank Vogel, from October 5. *Instructors of Phonography.* — James B. Machugh, Richard F. Sullivan, from September 28; Ernest B. Cresap, Albert E. Leon, from October 5; William D. Bridge, from October 6; William F. Murray, from October 13. *Instructors of Penmanship.* — James W. Blaisdell, William A. Whitehouse, from September 28; William C. Burnham, Charles A. French, Leon M. Wallace, from October 5; Ralph S. Bartlett, clerk, from September 28. *Charlestown Branch. Assistant in Charge.* — Fred A. Fernald, from September 28.

Bigelow School. — First assistant, Orris L. Bever-

age, from September 28. Assistants, Annie M. Bowers, Mary E. Farrell, Agnes J. Hallahan, Ella M. Kenniff, Josephine A. Martin, Annie E. McWilliams, Annie R. Mohan, Mary F. Murphy, Helen G. Shannon, Mary E. Thompson, from September 28.

Comins School. — First assistant, E. Irving Beal, from September 28. Assistants, George A. Cowen, Howard S. Freeman, Jennine M. Jackson, Mary L. Long, Catharine M. Lynch, Mary E. Moran, Minna B. Noyes, J. Herman Trybom, from September 28; Catherine G. Foley, Eleanor J. Murphy, Sally Viles, from September 30; Ella A. Curtis, Mary R. Thomas, from October 5; Olga A. F. Stegelmann, from October 7; Helen F. Lambert, from October 8.

Dearborn School. — First assistant, Daniel W. Weis, from September 28. Assistants, Mary E. Meaney, Edward E. Sparhawk, from September 28; James H. Gormley, Caroline G. Howe, William W. Howe, Mary F. Murphy, from September 30.

Eliot School. — First assistants, Frederic Serex, Julius A. Weigmann, from September 28. Assistants, Cecilia Coyle, Ellen G. Bird, Mary A. F. Gunning, Stephen A. McIntire, Sigmund Pollak, Grace H. Smith, from September 28; Margaret Coyle, Katherine F. Doherty, Martha N. Hobart, Annie C. Lamb, from September 30; Emma Batchelder, from October 2; Mary F. O'Brien, from October 5; Frances M. Mooers, from October 6; Almeda F. Cree, from October 7; Frank L. Titcomb, from October 8.

Franklin School. — First assistants, James Burrier, Clarence P. Coburn, from September 28. Assistants, Mary A. Boland, George B. Buffington, Joseph T. F. Burrell, Anna S. Cameron, L. Frances Crane, Henriette Goldstein, Frances V. Keyes, Louis Leyser, Catherine

M. McGinley, Elizabeth E. O'Connell, from September 28; Elizabeth G. Crotty, Charlotte M. Frost, Belle S. Hall, Emma B. Huse, Mary A. McCarthy, Minnie A. Noyes, Jane M. O'Brien, Emily V. White, Sarah F. Woodworth, from September 29.

Lincoln School. — First assistant, David Gibbs, from September 28. Assistants, Alice B. Hennessey, Edwin A. Howes, Mary G. Mahar, Josephine J. Mahoney, Alice E. Thornton, from September 28.

Lyman School. — First assistant, George W. Ransom, from September 28. Assistants, Paul F. Ela, Annie G. Hughes, Martha S. Watson, from September 28; Anna C. Covell, Eliza M. Warren, from October 1; Lucy M. Goodwin, from October 7; Leonora E. Scolley, from October 8.

Quincy School. — First assistant, Arthur W. Armstrong, from September 28. Assistants, Mary P. Howland, Kate V. Tiernay, from September 28; Hairabed S. Jelalian, Edward N. Quinn, Mary E. Sheridan, Edwin H. Watson, from September 30; Ida E. Hall, from October 1; Philo G. Noon, from October 6.

Warren School. — First assistant, Arthur Harrington, from September 28. Assistants, Lucy M. Bosworth, Marcella C. Coyle, Abby G. Grandison, Josephine F. Hannon, Mary A. Mahan, Katharine A. McMahon, Jeannette A. Nelson, from September 28.

Wells School. — First assistant, Sidney E. Bailey, from September 28. Assistants, Ida E. Bailey, Sybel G. Brown, Mattie M. Clough, Rosa Freedman, Annie C. Gallup, Gertrude L. Hodges, Isabella H. Howe, Cecilia F. Leahy, Ida A. Merriam, Mary W. Perry, Isabel A. Smith, from September 28; Sumner R. Hooper, from September 30; Ida Badanes, from October 1; Maria L. Brennan, Margaret E. DeVere, from

October 5; Mary A. Duston, S. Maria Elliott, Blanche F. Harrington, W. Hector S. Kollmyer, from October 6; Mary E. Kent, Agnes G. Tarpey, from October 7.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Report of Committee on Nominations; election of John McCrillis, truant officer.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on Truant Officers, reported the following-named candidate for the position of truant officer, to date from Oct. 14, 1896: John McCrillis.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

Report of Committee on Nominations; principals of Evening Drawing Schools.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on Drawing, reported the following-named principals of the Evening Drawing Schools, for the term 1896-97, to date from Oct. 12, 1896: George H. Bartlett, George Jepson, Charles L. Adams, Albert L. Ware, Anson K. Cross.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Huggan, Eaton, and Blanchard a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

Principals of Evening Drawing Schools elected.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 15; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. The principals nominated by the committee had each 15 votes, and were accordingly declared elected principals of the Evening Drawing Schools for the term 1896–97.

Report of Committee on School Houses; fitting of room for woodworking in Agassiz School-house. [See p. 353.]

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — Sept. 22 — an order that a room for woodworking be fitted up in the Agassiz School-house, reported that in the opinion of this committee the room should be fitted up as suggested in the order referred. Your committee have given instructions to the Superintendent of Public Buildings to fit up the room, and they recommend that no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; removal of buildings from yard of Winthrop School-house. [See p. 356.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 22 — an order that the Boston Transit Commission be requested to remove such buildings and material as they have temporarily placed in the yard of the Winthrop School-house, reported that inasmuch as the Board has already granted the Boston Transit Commission the use of the unpaved portion of the Winthrop School-house yard, this committee deem it inexpedient to interfere with the work of said commission, and thereby cause delay and inconvenience by withdrawing the permission already given. They therefore recommend that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, it was

Office of Clerk of Committees abolished.

Ordered, That the office of Clerk of Committees be and hereby is abolished.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, it was

Employment of additional assistant in office of Secretary.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the School Committee be authorized to employ an additional assistant in his office at a salary not to exceed six hundred dollars ($600) per annum.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, it was

Term of service of Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary of School Committee.

Ordered, That the term of service of Thornton D. Apollonio, elected Secretary of the School Board Sept. 22, 1896, date from Sept. 1, 1896.

Mr. Fowler, for the committee on Rules and Regulations, offered the following:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations; election and duties of Clerk of Committees.

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 2. Strike out after the word "clerk," in the third line, the words "a Clerk of Committees."

SECTION 143. Strike out the section.

Passed to a second reading.

Mr. Fowler, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations; salary of special assistants.

SECTION 106. Strike out all after the words "assistant teachers," in the fifth line, and substitute in place thereof the following words: "whose salary shall be at the rate of one dollar and a half for each day of actual service, may be appointed by the Division Committee in consultation with the principals."

Passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; use of books in public schools not on authorized list. [See p. 119.]

Mr. Fowler, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 24 — an order that this committee be requested to inquire into the matter of the teachers in the public schools of Boston expecting their pupils to buy school-books, and using same in the schools, which are not upon the list authorized by this Board, reported that this committee have given their careful attention to the matter, and recommend that no further action is necessary by the Board.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; suitable provision for superannuated teachers.

Mr. Fowler, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order requesting this committee to consider and report upon the subject of suitable provision for superannuated teachers, reported that after careful consideration of the subject your committee recommend that it is inexpedient to take action in the matter at the present time.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; rank of instructors in schools of cookery. [See p. 101.]

Mr. Fowler, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 10 — an order that the rules be amended to provide that the instructors of the schools of cookery shall be instructors and assistant instructors, reported that inasmuch as the new salary schedule provides for the employment of a principal and instructors of schools of cookery, your committee recommend that it is inexpedient to amend the rules as suggested in the order.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Fowler, for the same committee, offered the following:

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; instructors regularly employed in Latin and High Schools to be graduates of colleges.

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 102. Strike out the section, and substitute the following in place thereof:

SECTION 102. All male instructors and, after Sept. 1, 1898, all instructors regularly employed in the Latin and High Schools shall be graduates of colleges in good standing or of institutions which confer degrees of a corresponding grade; provided that this restriction shall not apply to persons holding on the date named a certificate entitling them to fill such positions.

Mrs. Keller moved that the order be amended by substituting for the year "1898" the year "1900."

Mr. Wise raised the point of order that it is not competent for this Board to make a rule to go into effect after the retirement of the present Board.

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken.

Mr. Wise appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The Board sustained the decision of the Chair by a vote of 9 to 3.

Mrs. Keller's motion to amend passed by a vote of 11 to 1.

The order as amended passed to a second reading.

Mr. Fowler, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations relative to award of diplomas to pupils.

SECTION 173. Strike out the words "approved by the Board of Supervisors," in the tenth and eleventh lines of the second paragraph.

Passed to a second reading.

Mr. Fowler, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended by inserting the following section:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations relative to award of diplomas to pupils.

SECTION 293. Pupils who have completed the course of study to the satisfaction of the Board of Supervisors, shall be entitled to a diploma.

Passed to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Huggan, for the Committee on Salaries, it was

Ordered, That the salary of the laboratory assistant in the English High School be fixed at the rate of five hundred dollars ($500) per annum.

Salary of laboratory assistant in English High School.

Mr. Huggan, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 22 — an order that Harriet E. Bird, assistant instructor of manual training in the Mechanic Arts High School, be placed upon the third year of service in her rank, reported that this committee have considered the order referred, and recommend the passage of the following:

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Harriet E. Bird. [See p. 352.]

Ordered, That Harriet E. Bird, assistant instructor in the Mechanic Arts High School, be placed upon the

third year of service in her rank, to date from Sept. 8, 1896.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Lillian M. Towne. [See p. 350.]

Mr. Huggan, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 22 — an order that Lillian M. Towne, assistant in the Normal School, be placed upon the third year of service in her rank, reported that, after careful consideration of the order referred, your committee recommend the passage of the following:

Ordered, That Lillian M. Towne, assistant in the Normal School, be placed upon the third year of service in her rank, to date from Oct. 1, 1896.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Huggan, for the same committee, it was

Salary of Irving H. Upton.

Ordered, That Irving H. Upton, junior-master in the Roxbury High School, be placed upon the fourth year of service in his rank, to date from Oct. 12, 1896.

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to Stanley H. Rood. [See p. 353.]

Mr. Huggan, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 22 — an order that Stanley H. Rood, temporary junior-master in the Mechanic Arts High School, be paid the sum of $10 for extra services performed, reported that in the opinion of this committee the order is a just one, and they recommend the passage of the following:

Ordered, That Stanley H. Rood, temporary junior-master in the Mechanic Arts High School, be paid the sum of $10 for extra services performed.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Huggan presented the following:

Communication from Primary Teachers' Association; thanks of Association

CUDWORTH SCHOOL, Oct. 13, 1896.

MR. HENRY D. HUGGAN:

DEAR SIR: At a meeting of the Boston Primary Teachers' Association, held October 12, it was voted unanimously "That the

thanks of the Primary Teachers' Association be extended to the School Committee for its recent action in increasing the pay of teachers. While not wishing in the least to detract from the ability and honor of any other grade, the Primary teachers of Boston wish especially to express their gratitude for the unanimous vote in favor of the third and fourth assistants, and to assure the School Committee that they will go forward with renewed energy to the important work intrusted to their care."

extended to School Committee.

As chairman of the salary committee, will you please present this to the Board, and oblige,

Yours very truly,

N. M. PORTER,

Secretary.

Placed on file.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School, presented the following report:

Report of Committee on Horace Mann School; expenditure for instruction in type-setting in Horace Maun School.

For four years the expense of instruction in type-setting and printing in the Horace Mann School has been sustained by contributions from friends of the school. A deficit now exists, and the committee in charge of this school would recommend the passage of the following order to provide for the continuance of instruction in this department:

Ordered, That the Committee on the Horace Mann School be authorized to expend the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars ($150) during the current school year for providing instruction in type-setting and printing to the pupils of said school.

Accepted.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, the order was referred to the Committee on Manual Training.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on the Horace Mann School be authorized to report in print.

Committee on Horace Mann School to report in print.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on Examinations, it was

Amendment of course of study in Latin Schools.

Ordered, That the course of study for the Latin Schools be amended as follows:

Page 9. Under Physical Training and Singing, strike out the words "and military drill."

Page 11. Under Physical Training and Singing, strike out the words "and military drill."

Page 19. Substitute the following list of requirements in English literature for the years 1897, 1898, 1899, in place of those for the years 1894, 1895, 1896:

1897.	1898.	1899.
Shakespeare's As You Like It.	Milton's Paradise Lost, Books I. and II.	Dryden's Palamon and Arcite.
Defoe's History of the Plague in London.	Pope's Iliad, Books I. and XII.	Pope's Iliad, Books I., VI., XXII., XXIV.
Irving's Tales of a Traveller.	The Sir Roger de Coverley's Papers in the Spectator.	The Sir Roger de Coverley's Papers in the Spectator.
Hawthorne's Twice Told Tales.	Goldsmith's Vicar of Wakefield.	Goldsmith's Vicar of Wakefield.
Longfellow's Evangeline.	Coleridge's Ancient Mariner.	Coleridge's Ancient Mariner.
George Eliot's Silas Marner.	Southey's Life of Nelson.	DeQuincey's Flight of a Tartar Tribe.
	Carlyle's Essay on Burns.	Cooper's Last of the Mohicans.
	Lowell's Vision of Sir Launfal.	Lowell's Vision of Sir Launfal.
	Hawthorne's House of the Seven Gables.	Hawthorne's House of the Seven Gables.
Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice.	Shakespeare's Macbeth.	Shakespeare's Macbeth.
Burke's Speech on Conciliation with America.	Burke's Speech on Conciliation with America.	Burke's Speech on Conciliation with America.
Scott's Marmion.	DeQuincey's Flight of a Tartar Tribe.	Milton's Paradise Lost, Books I. and II.
Macaulay's Life of Samuel Johnson.	Tennyon's Princess.	Carlyle's Essay on Burns.

Page 23. Under Note 4. Substitute the following after the word "Greek," in the eleventh line: "(d) to substitute in the Boys' School elementary German for that part of advanced Latin or advanced Greek studied by Class I." Reletter present (d), (e); and present (e), (f).

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the course of study for the Latin Schools, School Doc. No. 15, 1891, be printed.

Edition of course of study, Latin Schools.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That a new Primary ten-room building be erected on the present Winship lot, Brighton.

Erection of Primary School building on Winship lot, Brighton.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to report at the next meeting on the order referred to that committee — June 18 — relative to abandoning the Union-street lot, Brighton.

Committee on School Houses to report on abandoning Union-street lot, Brighton. [See p. 243.]

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That an electric motor of suitable size be installed in the Hyde School-house for the proper ventilation of said building.

Installing of electric motor in Hyde School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That Annetta F. Armes, assistant, Grammar School, in the Everett District, be placed on the seventh year of service in her rank, to date from Sept. 8, 1896.

Salary of Annetta F. Armes.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, to whom was referred — Sept. 8 — a communication from Joseph T. Ward, Jr., asking that he be given a hearing before the full Board, reported that they have given the matter their earnest and careful consideration, and recommend that no further action is necessary by the Board.

Report of Committee on Ninth Division; communication from Joseph T. Ward, Jr., relative to his discharge. [See p. 327.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, offered the following:

Salary of Mary T. Hale.

Ordered, That Mary T. Hale, principal of the Yeoman-street Kindergarten, be placed upon the maximum salary of her rank, to date from Sept. 8, 1896.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Synopsis of Instruction in Modern Languages in Public Schools.

Ordered, That the Synopsis of Instruction in Modern Languages in Public Schools be printed as a School Document.

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, offered the following:

Employment of laboratory assistant in Dorchester High School.

Ordered, That the head-master of the Dorchester High School be authorized to employ a laboratory assistant, at a salary of one hundred dollars ($100) per annum.

On motion of Mr. Fowler, the order was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of Grace G. Starbird.

Ordered, That Grace G. Starbird, assistant in the Girls' High School, be placed upon the third year of service in her rank, to date from Sept. 8, 1896.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, offered the following:

Salary of Maud G. Leadbetter.

Ordered, That Maud G. Leadbetter, assistant in the Roxbury High School, be placed upon the third year of service in her rank, to date from Oct. 5, 1896.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the duties of the armorer be extended to include the care of the gymnastic apparatus in the various High Schools, and that the Committee on Salaries be requested to fix his compensation therefor.

Duties of armorer.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to put in a new and proper set of sanitaries in the Dorchester High School.

Sanitaries for Dorchester High School-house.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to put the Brighton High School-house in proper condition with reference to the heating, sanitation, and ventilation of the building, at once.

Sanitary condition of Brighton High School-house.

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following, with the recommendation that the communication be sent to His Honor the Mayor:

Report of Committee on Accounts; additional appropriation, Public Buildings, Schools.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ROOMS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Oct. 13, 1896.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, *Mayor:*

DEAR SIR: The Committee on Accounts respectfully represent that the estimate for the financial year 1896-97 of the amount required by the department having charge of the repairs, alterations, etc., of school-houses, presented to the City Council under date of Dec. 24, 1895, amounted to $250,000. The amount appropriated was $173,400, a reduction of $76,600.

As nearly twenty per cent. of the amount granted is required to meet fixed charges, such as rents, taxes, and salaries, it has been found impossible to make the proper repairs upon the one hundred and eighty-nine school buildings and thirty-two colonies, and keep within the appropriation granted.

The cost of this department for the past ten years has averaged more than $225,000 annually, and the total expenditure for the present year, including the balance needed for the estimated deficit, will,

undoubtedly, be less than this amount, notwithstanding the large increase in school accommodations.

As nearly all of the original appropriation has been contracted for, it is important that the additional amount allowed should be granted with as little delay as possible.

With this explanation, the Committee on Accounts respectfully request that there be paid to the credit of the appropriation, Public Buildings, Schools, an additional amount of $50,000.

Yeas and nays.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the yeas and nays were ordered on the adoption of the report, and the sending of the same to His Honor the Mayor.

The report was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor, by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bassett, Blanchard, Calderwood, Davison, Dunn, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fowler, Gallivan, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Lowell, Paul, Strange, and Wise. — 19.

Nays: None.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Anderson, Liebmann, McDonald, Page, and Wetmore.

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following:

Salary of clerk of Evening High School.

Ordered, That the salary of the clerk of the Evening High School be at the rate of three dollars ($3) per evening, to date from Sept. 28, 1896, the same to be in full for all services required of him by both the Committee on Evening Schools and the Committee on Supplies.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Appointment and salary of Edward P.

Ordered, That Edward P. Sherburne be appointed assistant in charge of the East Boston Branch of the

Evening High School, who shall also serve as principal of the Lyman Evening School, to date from Sept. 28, 1896, and that he be paid for his services in these positions the sum of five dollars ($5) per evening of actual service.

Sherburne, assistant in charge of East Boston Branch Evening High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the salary of the assistant in charge of the Charlestown Branch of the Evening High School be fixed at the rate of five dollars ($5) per evening of actual service, to date from Sept. 28, 1896.

Salary of assistant in charge of Charlestown Branch Evening High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That a second first assistant be authorized for service in the Franklin Evening School and also in the Eliot Evening School, to date from Sept. 28, 1896.

Second first assistant authorized in both the Franklin and Eliot Evening Schools.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That Charles T. Marsh be appointed special teacher of penmanship in the Evening High School, to date from Oct. 5, 1896, and that the salary of such teacher be at the rate of two dollars ($2) per evening of actual service.

Appointment and salary of Charles T. Marsh, teacher of penmanship, Evening High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations report such changes in the regulations as will provide that no teacher shall be nominated on probation in the day schools until a written report on the qualifications of such teacher shall have been obtained from the Board of Supervisors and the Superintendent.

Written reports from Board of Supervisors and Superintendent on teachers to be nominated on probation in day schools.

Mr. Adams, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following:

Salary of Allan L. Sedley.

Ordered, That Allan L. Sedley, first assistant, Grammar School, in the Lewis District, be placed upon the maximum salary of his rank, to date from Oct. 12, 1896.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Blanchard, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following:

Extended leave of absence without pay to E. Isabelle Bense.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence from Sept. 8, 1896, to Jan. 1, 1897, without pay from Oct. 1, 1896, be granted to E. Isabelle Bense, assistant, Primary School, in the Prince District, and that Florence M. Winslow be approved as her substitute from Sept. 8, 1896, until Oct. 1, 1896.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training; bathing facilities in new school-house at West End and Paul Revere School-house. [See pp. 163, 348, 349, 350.]

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training, to whom was referred — Sept. 22 — the subject of providing bathing facilities in the new school-house at the West End and in the new Paul Revere School-house, presented the following report:

An order that bathing facilities be provided in the new school-house at the West End and in the Paul Revere School-house was presented at the meeting of the Board May 12, and referred to the Committee on School Houses, who reported at the meeting of the Board, September 22, that the order ought not to pass, for various reasons given, and the whole matter was then referred to the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training.

This committee have carefully considered the subject, and especially the report of the Committee on School Houses, and are of the opinion that the objections raised in said report are not well founded. The

claim that the plan will cause friction in the management of the school, they believe, is not a valid one, as bathing facilities are provided in the schools of various cities, both in this and other countries, without loss of time given to school purposes by the pupils. As to the question of expense, your committee believe that the benefit to the physical and moral health of the pupils will more than compensate for the comparatively small expense necessary in providing the facilities suggested. With regard to the right of the School Committee to comply with the order referred, your committee would state that they have consulted legal authority upon this point, and are of the opinion that such right is vested in the Board. With regard to the question of public health in connection with the placing of bathing facilities in the basements of school-houses, your committee beg to take issue with the report of the Committee on School Houses. They believe that with the careful attention now given to the proper ventilation and sanitation of school buildings no injury to health can result from this source.

Your committee are, however, of the opinion that the experiment of providing bathing facilities in the public schools should be tried in but one building at first, and they therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That bathing facilities be provided in the Paul Revere School-house.

The report was accepted.

Mrs. Keller moved that the whole subject be referred to the Committee on Examinations.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Blanchard, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the order. Yeas and nays.

The order passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Bassett, Calderwood, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Gallivan, Hubbard, Huggan, and Lowell — 11.

Nays: Messrs. Blanchard, Davison, Dunn, Fowler, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Paul, Strange, and Wise — 8.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Anderson, Liebmann, McDonald, Page, and Wetmore.

Mr. Calderwood moved that the vote whereby the order was declared passed be reconsidered, hoping his motion would not prevail.

Lost.

Communication from American Fire Alarm Company; thermostat automatic fire-alarm system for use in public schools.

The Chair presented a communication from the American Fire Alarm Company calling the attention of the School Committee to a thermostat automatic fire-alarm system for use in public school buildings.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Allen, it was

Suspension of sessions of public schools on election days.

Ordered, That the committees in charge are hereby authorized to dispense with the sessions of the public schools in buildings used for polling-places on the days of the State election (November 3) and the city election (December 15) this year, where, in the judgment of said committees, the school work will be seriously interrupted. The sessions of no public schools shall be dispensed with on said election days without the approval of the committees in charge.

On motion of Mr. Lowell, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Oct. 27, 1896.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Liebmann, Page, and Wetmore.

On motion of Mr. Blanchard, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for land taken on Poplar street. [See pp. 10, 11, 22, 23, 106, 107, 127, 128, 129, 168, 331, 332.]

City of Boston.
Street Commissioners' Office,
City Hall, Oct. 20, 1896.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with Sarah E. Stone, trustee, upon the sum of seventy-five hundred fifty-six and $\frac{76}{100}$ dollars as payment for the estate 8 Poplar street, taken (in the name of Josephine A. Clapp and heirs or devisees of Sarah E. Stone) by the Board, May 22, 1896 (and taking recorded same day), for school purposes, upon a deed being given to the city for the same which shall be satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from City Council; appropriation for fire-escapes for school-houses.

City of Boston.
In Board of Aldermen, Sept. 28, 1896.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized to expend, as may be ordered by the School Committee, for better means of protection from fire in school buildings, not exceeding the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000), out of the sum of three hundred thousand dollars ($300,000) appropriated by the order of

July 1, 1896, for making improvements in school buildings, to secure better sanitation and ventilation therein, and better means of escape in case of fire.

Passed. Yeas 9, nays none. Sent down for concurrence. October 22 came up concurred. Yeas 57, nays none. Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 24, 1896, he certifying on the original order that the foregoing transfer is not, in his opinion, to meet a current expense.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

Placed on file.

The following order took its second reading:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations relative to award of diplomas to pupils. [See p. 379.]

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 173. Strike out the words "approved by the Board of Supervisors," in the tenth and eleventh lines of the second paragraph.

Passed.

The following order took its second reading:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations; instructors regularly employed in Latin and High Schools to be graduates of college. [See p. 378.]

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 102. Strike out the section, and substitute the following in place thereof:

SECTION 102. All male instructors and, after Sept. 1, 1900, all instructors regularly employed in the Latin and High Schools shall be graduates of colleges in good standing, or of institutions which confer degrees of a corresponding grade; provided that this restriction shall not apply to persons holding on the date named a certificate entitling them to fill such positions.

Passed.

The following order took its second reading:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations; salary of special assistants. [See p. 377.]

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 106. Strike out all after the words "assistant teachers," in the fifth line, and substitute in place

thereof the following words: "whose salary shall be at the rate of one dollar and a half for each day of actual service, may be appointed by the Division Committee in consultation with the principals."

Passed.

The following order took its second reading:

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations; election and duties of clerk of committees. [See pp. 376, 377.]

SECTION 2. Strike out after the word "clerk," in the third line, the words "a clerk of committees."

SECTION 143. Strike out the section.

Passed.

The following order took its second reading:

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended by inserting the following section:

Amendment of Rules and Regulations relative to award of diplomas to pupils. [See p. 379.]

SECTION 293. Pupils who have completed the course of study to the satisfaction of the Board of Supervisors shall be entitled to a diploma.

Passed.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following:

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Latin School. — George S. Berry, Jr., junior-master, Oct. 1, 1896.

Charles Sumner District. — Charlotte B. Hall, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 21, 1896.

Dearborn District. — Mary E. Connor, assistant, Primary School, Oct. 12, 1896.

Lewis District. — Ellen M. Murphy, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 8, 1896.

Prescott District. — Nellie J. Breed, assistant, Grammar School, Oct. 22, 1896.

Rice Training School. — Gertrude R. Clark, assistant, Sept. 30, 1896.

Tappan Kindergarten. — Jennie L. Waterbury, principal, Mariannie H. Simmons, assistant, Oct. 5, 1896.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Charles Sumner District. — Mary A. McCarthy, from Oct. 5, 1896.

Dearborn District. — Catherine A. Foley, Elizabeth H. Marston, from Oct. 22, 1896.

Gilbert Stuart District. — Margaret H. Manning, from Oct. 12, 1896.

Prescott District. — Lillian M. Park, from Oct. 26, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Latin School. — George S. Berry, Jr., junior-master, from Oct. 1, 1896.

Dearborn District. — Anna L. Foster, assistant, Primary School, from Oct. 12, 1896.

Gilbert Stuart District. —Edith A. Scanlan, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 26, 1896; Harriet E. Ells, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 13, 1896, to Oct. 23, 1896, inclusive.

Lyman District. — Mary A. Duston, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 16, 1896; Mary F. Moore, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 22, 1896.

Prince District. — Florence M. Winslow, assistant, Primary School, from Oct. 1, 1896.

Rice Training School. — Julia K. Neil, assistant, from Sept. 21, 1896, to Nov. 1, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Roxbury High School. — Lyman G. Smith, laboratory assistant, from Oct. 26, 1896. Election of teachers on probation.

Agassiz District. — Joshua Q. Litchfield, submaster, from Nov. 9, 1896.

Bennett District. — Ella M. Hastings, assistant, Grammar School, second year, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Bigelow District. — Evelyn Howe, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 14, 1896.

Charles Sumner District. — Charlotte B. Hall, first assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 21, 1896; Ida M. Dyer, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year; Rose E. Keenan, assistant, Grammar School, second year, from Oct. 19, 1896. Maude C. Hartnett, assistant, Primary School, from Oct. 5, 1896.

Dearborn District. — Abbie E. Flagg, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Oct. 16, 1896.

George Putnam District. — Carrie A. Colton, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Dec. 1, 1896.

Lewis District. — Ellen M. Murphy, first assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Lyman District. — Helen Harvie, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 22, 1896.

Roger Clap District. — Nellie J. Breed, first assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 22, 1896.

Tappan Kindergarten. — Mariannie H. Simmons, principal, Helen M. Paine, assistant, from Oct. 5, 1896; Margaret T. McCabe, assistant, from Oct. 12, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Christopher Gibson District. — E. Louise Browne, assistant, Primary School. Confirmation of teachers.

Dearborn District. — Lillian A. Wiswell, assistant, Grammar School.

Dillaway District. — Carolena C. Richards, assistant, Grammar School.

Tileston District. — Emma L. Baker, assistant, Primary School.

Kenilworth-street Kindergarten.—Florence A. Fitzsimmons, principal, Martha A. Melchert, assistant.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

TRANSFERS.

Transfers of teachers.

Edward Everett District. — Mary E. Irwin, Myra E. Wilson, assistants, Grammar School, to the same position in the Roger Clap District, to date from Nov. 1, 1896; Minnie E. Price, assistant, Primary School, to the same position in the Roger Clap District, to date from Nov. 1, 1896; Agnes G. Wright, assistant, Primary School, on probation, to the same position, on probation, in the Roger Clap District, to date from Nov. 1, 1896.

Lyman District. — Elizabeth F. Curry, assistant, Grammar School, to the same position in the Prescott District, to date from Nov. 1, 1896.

Accepted, and the transfers confirmed.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Assistants in Evening Schools.

Quincy School. — Assistants, Annie B. Parker, from Oct. 14, 1896; Maria F. Hill, from Oct. 23, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

EVENING DRAWING SCHOOLS.

Assistants. — Herbert W. Adams, Anna K. Blaisdell, Annie E. Blake, James Brough, Henry K. Burrison, Florence Cleaves, J. Albert Cole, Alberta A. Cutler, William P. Edwards, John L. Frisbee, Vesper L. George, William L. Judkins, William H. Leavitt, Alexander Miller, Adelaide C. Palmer, Henry W. Poor, George F. Sibley, William L. Skinner, from Oct. 19, 1896. Assistants in Evening Drawing Schools.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: Leaves of absence; substitutes approved.

Dearborn District. — Mary K. Wallace, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 21, 1896, until Jan. 21, 1897; Mary G. Hudson, substitute. Mary K. Wallace.

Dillaway District. — Mary R. Thomas, substitute for Annie L. Bennett, first assistant, Grammar School, granted leave of absence. Mary R. Thomas, substitute.

Franklin District. — Isabel M. Harmon, first assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1896, until Jan. 1, 1897; Florence R. King, substitute. Isabel M. Harmon.

Gilbert Stuart District. — Elizabeth H. Page, first assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1896, until Jan. 1, 1897; Emma S. Gulliver, substitute. Elizabeth H. Page.

Minot District. — Mary L. Harlow, substitute for Gertrude P. Davis, first assistant, Grammar School, granted leave of absence. Mary L. Harlow, substitute.

Thomas N. Hart District. — Bertha Peirce, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 8, 1896, until Nov. 1, 1896; Annie M. Bowers, substitute. Bertha Peirce.

Elizabeth Swords.

Warren District. — Elizabeth Swords, first assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 23, 1896, until Jan. 1, 1897; Mary F. Felton, substitute.

Report of Committee on Nominations; candidate for position of Director of Drawing.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the Committee on Drawing, reported the following-named candidate for the position of Director of Drawing, to date from Oct. 28, 1896:

Director of Drawing. — J. Frederick Hopkins.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. McDonald, Eaton, and Calderwood a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

J. Frederick Hopkins elected Director of Drawing.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 18; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. W. L. Adams had 1 vote; Henry Hitchings had 3 votes for Master of Evening Drawing Schools; J. Frederick Hopkins had 14 votes, and was accordingly declared elected Director of Drawing.

Report of Committee on Drawing; candidate for position of Master of Evening Drawing Schools.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on Drawing, reported the following-named candidate for the position of Master of Evening Drawing Schools, to date from Oct. 28, 1896:

Master of Evening Drawing Schools — Henry Hitchings.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the nomination was temporarily laid on the table. (See pp. 416, 417.)

Report of Committee on School Houses; sanitary condition of Brighton High School-house. [See p. 385.]

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, who were requested — Oct. 13 — to put the Brighton High School-house in proper condition with reference to heating, sanitation, and ventilation, at once, reported that the matter is now receiving attention, and your com-

mittee recommend that no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 13 — a communication from the City Council requesting information as to what steps have been taken in regard to providing a school-yard for the Moulton-street Primary School, Ward 3, reported that the City Council be respectfully informed that additional land has been taken, and that the preparation of said land for use as a school-yard is now receiving attention.

Report of Committee on School-Houses; communication from City Council; provision of school-yard for Moulton-street Primary School, Ward 3. [See p. 362.]

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the City Council.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 13 — an order that an electric motor of suitable size be installed in the Hyde School-house for the proper ventilation of said building, reported that the order is being complied with, and that no further action by the Board is necessary.

Report of Committee on School Houses; installing of electric motor in Hyde School-house. [See p. 383.]

Accepted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, who were requested — Oct. 13 — to put in new and proper sanitaries for the Dorchester High School, reported that the matter is receiving their attention, and that plans are being prepared for new sanitaries as suggested in the order referred. They recommend that no further action is necessary by the Board.

Report of Committee on School Houses; sanitaries for Dorchester High School-house. [See p. 385.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 13 — a communication from the Common Council relative to providing accommodations for the pupils of the Edward Everett School while the building is undergoing repairs, reported that the Common

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from Common Council; accommodations for pupils in

Edward Everett School. [See p. 361.]

Council be respectfully informed that efforts were made to procure other quarters for the pupils attending said school while the repairs were being made, but no suitable accommodations could be found. The repairs are being pushed as rapidly as possible, and the building will be ready for occupancy again early in November.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the Common Council.

Report of Committee on School Houses; increased accommodations in Hancock District. [See p. 297.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — July 14 — an order that two extra rooms be provided for use in the Hancock District, Sept. 1, 1896, reported that the matter has received attention, and additional rooms provided in the Moon-street building. Your committee recommend that no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; enlargement of Hobart-street School-house lot. [See p. 243.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 18 — an order relative to the advisability of enlarging the Hobart-street School-house lot, reported that your committee have visited the premises, and given the matter their careful consideration. Your committee deem it inexpedient to enlarge the said lot, and recommend that no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from Orient Heights Association; additional school accommodations at Orient Heights. [See p. 148.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 28 — a communication from the Orient Heights Association, relative to additional school accommodations in that district, and the inefficiency of the heating plant in the Blackinton School-house, reported that steps have been taken to provide additional heating facilities for the building named, but that there are not sufficient funds available to provide

for the additional school accommodations as requested at the present time. Your committee recommend that no further action be taken by the Board.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; grading of lot taken to enlarge Cudworth School-house lot. [See p. 129.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 14 — an order that the land recently purchased by the School Committee to enlarge the lot of the Cudworth School-house, East Boston, be graded, and that a suitable iron fence be provided for said lot, reported that the condition of this year's appropriation will not warrant the undertaking of the work suggested at the present time. They recommend that no further action by the Board be taken.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Appropriation for Paul Revere School-house.

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following appropriation be made:

Paul Revere School-house, Prince street, $100,000.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, offered the following:

Approval of plans and specifications of Peabody & Stearns, architects, for Paul Revere School-house.

Ordered, That the plans and specifications for the Paul Revere School-house, Prince street, North End, prepared by Peabody & Stearns, architects, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the said Peabody & Stearns are hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accordance with said plans and specifications; and the Committee on School Houses is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct

and erect the same in accordance with said plans and specifications, and to make on behalf of this Board the necessary contracts for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

For the information of the Board, the Chair read the following:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, Oct. 27, 1896.

To the Committee on School Houses:

GENTLEMEN: I have carefully examined the plans and specifications drawn by Peabody & Stearns, Architects, 53 State street, Boston, for a new school-house on Prince street in the Hancock District at the North End. These plans are eighteen (18) in number, and both plans and specifications are hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

Mr. Eaton moved that the order be laid on the table until the next meeting.

Lost.

The order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; erection of two new school-houses in Warren District.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order that this committee report in regard to the expediency of erecting two new school-houses to take the place of the Mead-street and Cross-street School-houses in the Warren District, reported that they have carefully considered the needs of this district, and in their opinion it is expedient to erect a new school-house between the two school-houses mentioned. They have accordingly selected a suitable location, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, a parcel of land on the south-easterly

side of Elm street, bounded and described as follows: viz., north-west by Elm street there measuring ninety-four and $\frac{62}{100}$ feet; north-east by Lincoln place one hundred sixteen and $\frac{30}{100}$ feet; south-east by land now or late of Sarah J. White, land of Elias Abbott, and land of other owners eighty-nine and $\frac{28}{100}$ feet; and south-west by Howard place one hundred fourteen and $\frac{25}{100}$ feet; containing about 10,600 square feet.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, offered the following:

Approval of plans and specifications for one-room wooden building in yard of Munroe-street Primary School-house, Roxbury.

Ordered, That the plans and specifications prepared by the Superintendent of Public Buildings for a one-room wooden building in the yard of the Munroe-street Primary School-house, Roxbury, having been approved by the Superintendent of Public Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the Committee on School Houses is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect same in accordance with said plans and specifications, and to make on behalf of this Board the necessary contracts for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

For the information of the Board, the Chair read the following:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, Oct. 27, 1896.

To the Committee on School Houses:

GENTLEMEN: I have examined the specifications and accompanying plans for a one (1) room wooden school-house in the yard of the Munroe-street School, Lewis District, Roxbury. These plans and specifications have my approval.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

The order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from Common Council; erection of school-house at Forest Hills. [See p. 122.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 14 — a communication from the Common Council asking whether it is intended to construct a school-house at Forest Hills this year, reported that the Common Council be respectfully informed that there are not sufficient funds available for the purpose. It is, however, proposed to undertake the erection of a school-house in that vicinity as soon as possible.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the Common Council.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from City Council; inadequate accommodations for scholars in Chapman District. [See pp. 121, 122.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 14 — a communication from the City Council relative to the inadequate accommodations for scholars in the Chapman District, East Boston, reported that the City Council be respectfully informed that a two-room wooden building is being erected in the yard of the Chapman School-house, and that no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the City Council.

Report of Committee on School Houses; estimated cost of grading and preparing the Reservoir lot. [See p. 100.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 10 — an order that this committee be requested to report to the Board the estimated cost of grading and preparing the Reservoir lot (so called), South Boston, for building purposes, reported that to grade the said lot to level of street, removing all material from the premises, will cost $12,300.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; appropriation for grading land taken to enlarge Bigelow School-house lot. [See p. 99.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 10 — an order that an additional amount of $5,000 be appropriated from the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895 for grading the land taken to enlarge the lot of the Bigelow School-house, and for altering the brick building on the land so taken, reported that the

matter has received their attention, and the work is now being done as suggested in the order referred.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from Board of Health; condition of Bowditch School-house; [See p. 92.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 10 — a communication from the Board of Health relative to the sanitary condition of the Bowditch School-house, Jamaica Plain, reported that the matter has received attention, and the defect has been remedied. Your committee recommend that no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from City Council; erection of new Grammar School-house in vicinity of Forest Hills. [See p. 53.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 11 — a communication from the City Council relative to the erection of a new Grammar School-house in the vicinity of Forest Hills station, West Roxbury, at a cost not to exceed $75,000, reported that the land for this purpose has been purchased, and while the funds available do not warrant the erection of the building during the current year, it is proposed to build the school-house, as suggested, as soon as possible.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the City Council.

Report of Committee on School Houses; additional primary accommodations at Savin Hill. [See pp. 310, 311.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order relative to the expediency of providing additional primary accommodations at Savin Hill, and — Aug. 4 — a petition from the Savin Hill Association to the same effect, reported that they have duly considered the matter, and recommend that it is inexpedient at the present time to provide the additional accommodations requested.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communications from City Council relative to the removal of South End Branch of Public Library from its present location. [See pp. 361, 362.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom were referred — Oct. 13 — two communications from the City Council — one of which came through His Honor the Mayor — relative to the removal of the South End Branch of the Public Library from its present location, reported that this committee deprecate any conflict of authority with other departments of the city government in this connection, and disclaim any desire to interfere with the scope of usefulness of the Public Library, the value of which in the cause of education they fully recognize. They feel, however, that the crowded condition of practically all the public schools justifies them in every legitimate effort to increase the available accommodations. It seems to them that other quarters in the South End, preferably at a greater distance from the Central Library than those now occupied, might perhaps be secured, thereby enabling this committee to more adequately provide for the large number of pupils now in attendance at the English High School.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the City Council.

Report of Committee on School Houses; abandoning Union-street lot, Brighton, and erection of new Primary School-house on present Winship lot, Brighton. [See pp. 243, 383.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom were referred — Oct. 13 — an order that this committee report at the next meeting on the order referred to them — June 18 — relative to abandoning the Union-street lot, Brighton, and also an order that a new primary ten-room building be erected on the present Winship lot, Brighton, reported that they have visited the premises and now have the matter under consideration. In their opinion, immediate action on the two orders referred is not necessary, and they will report later on the whole subject. The Committee recommend that no further action by the Board is necessary at the present time.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; petition of residents of Roslindale; naming of school-house in honor of Francis Parkman. [See p. 357.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 22 — a petition signed by Solomon B. Stebbins and thirty-four others, that the school-house now being erected at the corner of South and Hewlett streets, Roslindale, be named the Francis Parkman School, reported that, inasmuch as there is already one Parkman School, they deem it inexpedient to comply with the request, and they recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; erection of new Primary School-house to take the place of school-house on Munroe street, Roxbury. [See pp. 103, 115.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 24 — an order that a new Primary School-house be erected in place of the present school building on Munroe street, Roxbury, reported that the erection of a new school-house in the location suggested is to be one of the first matters to receive attention during the coming year. To relieve the present congested condition of the school, plans have been prepared for the erection of a temporary wooden building in the yard. Your committee recommend that no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; purchase of land on Weld Hill and Woodlawn.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order that this committee be requested to consider the expediency of purchasing a lot of land on Weld Hill and Woodlawn, on the east side of the railroad track at Forest Hills, reported that a suitable location has been purchased at Forest Hills, and they recommend that no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; appropriation for new High School-house, South Boston. [See p. 100.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 10 — an order that of the amount granted to the School Committee, under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, an appropriation be made of $100,000 for a High School, South Boston, reported that it is impossible to make the appropriation as suggested at the present time, and in view of the difference of opinion as to the proper location for a new High School in the South Boston district, they recommend that further action on the matter be deferred for the present.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; fitting of rooms for cookery and wood-working in Charles Sumner School-house. [See p. 351.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 22 — an order that rooms for cooking and wood-working be fitted up in the basement of the Charles Sumner School-house, reported that in their opinion rooms for the purposes named should be equipped in that district, and it is the intention of the committee to provide such rooms in the new school-house now being erected on South and Hewlett streets. They recommend that no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Purchase of land on Poplar street, for school purposes. [See pp. 10, 11, 22, 23, 106, 107, 127, 128, 129, 168, 331, 332, 391.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Sarah E. Stone, trustee, the sum of seventy-five hundred fifty-six and $\frac{76}{100}$ dollars ($7,556.76) as payment for the estate 8 Poplar street, taken (in the name of Josephine A. Clapp and heirs or devisees of Sarah E. Stone), for school purposes, May 22, 1896 (and taking recorded

same day), upon said Sarah E. Stone, trustee, giving to the city of Boston a deed of said land satisfactory to the Law Department.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following appropriation be made:

Appropriation for one-room wooden building in yard of Munroe-street School-house.

One-room building in yard of Munroe-street Primary School-house, building and furnishing $2,000

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following appropriations be made:

Appropriations for furnishing Gilbert Stuart, Roger Clap, and Beech-street School-houses.

Gilbert Stuart School-house, furnishing .	$10,000
Roger Clap School-house, furnishing . .	5,000
Beech-street School-house, furnishing . .	1,000

Report of Committee on School Houses; naming of school-house in honor of Elizabeth Palmer Peabody. [See pp. 86, 87, 88, 97, 118, 178.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was recommitted — March 24 — an order relative to the naming of a school-house in honor of the late Elizabeth Palmer Peabody, and to whom was referred — May 26 — a petition from the New England Women's Club suggesting that the name Elizabeth Palmer Peabody be given to the new Grammar School to be soon erected in the West End of the city, presented the following report:

This committee, in recommending (March 10) that the new school-house on Beech street, Roslindale, be named the Peabody School, did so with the hope that such action would meet the approval of the friends of

Miss Peabody. Objections were, however, made to this choice, and it was suggested that the name be given instead to the new Grammar School to be soon erected in the West End of the city. The new West End school (so called) is to be a Primary and not a Grammar School, and therefore the wishes of the petitioners cannot be complied with fully. There are other considerations, moreover, to be weighed with regard to the naming of a school in that section of the city. As early as May 14, 1895, a petition was presented to the Board that the name of Mayhew be preserved by bestowing it upon a new school-house. That name is strongly identified with the North and West Ends of the city, and the committee reported — May 28, 1895 — that it seemed appropriate that a school-house in that district should bear the name of Mayhew, and as the new Primary School-house to be erected at the North End has been so fittingly named the Paul Revere School, it seems proper that the new West End school should receive the name of Mayhew.

The committee, desiring to accede so far as may be possible to the wishes of those interested in the perpetuation of the name of Peabody, would renew their suggestion that it be given to the new Beech-street school at Roslindale, and they recommend the passage of the following orders:

Ordered, That the new Primary School-house, Beech street, Roslindale, be named the Elizabeth Palmer Peabody School, in honor of the late Elizabeth Palmer Peabody.

Ordered, That the new Primary School-house on Chambers and Poplar streets be named the Mayhew School.

Accepted, and the orders laid over, under the rule.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from His Honor the Mayor relative to the Reservoir lot, South Boston. [See pp. 359, 360.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 13 — a communication from His Honor the Mayor, with reference to the payment by this Board for the Reservoir lot, in South Boston, presented the following report:

Your committee would gladly coöperate with the Mayor or any department of the city government in any way that will effect a financial saving to the city, and not interfere with the work of the respective departments, and this Board has frequently granted the use of the school buildings to city departments to save the expense of hiring private property. The principle advocated in the letter of the Mayor, that in the surrender of any property by any department to the city, the party surrendering the same should be paid or credited with the proceeds of the sale of such property, is one which has always been urged by this Board, and your committee has tried in vain to have this principle established with reference to the surrender of school property to the city. Your committee protests, however, against this attempt to make the School Committee pay for property now owned by the city, when the city has universally taken the proceeds of property surrendered by the School Committee for other than school purposes, in spite of the request of this Board that the proceeds be applied for building and furnishing of new school-houses. If this principle is to be carried to its logical extent, payment should also be made by the city for school lands taken for street widenings, and in at least three cases during the present year parts of school-yards have been taken for this purpose. If "the maintenance of a separation between the finances of the water system and those of the city generally is one of the most important principles of municipal finance," as the Mayor

asserts, much more important is the principle as to the School Committee and the city generally, where the separation is so marked that, in the opinion of the present Corporation Counsel, the School Committee is not a "department" of the city government. Furthermore, when school-house sites have been surrendered, the property has been sold to individuals and the proceeds of such sales have gone into the city treasury, but in the proposed action with reference to the Reservoir site, it is a use of the same property by the city for another public purpose.

As to the merits of the Reservoir lot for high-school purposes, your committee would say that Mayor Curtis, in October, 1895, recommended to this Board the use of the Reservoir lot as one that would be satisfactory to everybody concerned, and would save the city at least $55,000. Accompanying the communication of Mayor Curtis were letters from the Corporation Counsel and the City Conveyancer stating that the title to the lot was then in the city by deed and therefore could be used for any public purpose, and letters from the Water Commissioner and the City Engineer stating that the lot would not be required for the Water Department and could be graded for use for a school-house site. In pursuance of the arrangement then consummated between Mayor Curtis and this Board, and for the purpose of saving the expense of acquiring another lot when the city had title to land available and fit for school purposes, this Board, on Dec. 10, 1895, passed the orders suggested by Mayor Curtis, and on January 2, of the present year, the City Council passed the order for the surrender of the Reservoir site to the School Committee, to be used for a high school "whenever the Water Commissioner shall notify the Mayor that the same is no longer needed for

the Water Department." No suggestion was then made as to payment by this Board for the land so surrendered, and the first notice to this Board of the abandonment by the Water Department is in the letter of His Honor the Mayor sent to the Board at its last meeting, refusing to carry out the arrangement consummated under the last city administration unless school funds to the amount of the present value of said lot be diverted to the Water Department. Your committee insists that, with all the demands now being made upon this Board for new school buildings in all parts of the city, it cannot afford to pay the city for public land, and protests against the application to the School Committee in the first instance of a principle which has never been recognized when the committee has surrendered property.

Your committee is informed by the Sixth Division Committee that it is their desire, as well as that of the advocates of a South Boston High School, that the school-house be built on the Reservoir lot. Under these circumstances your committee recommends that this Board decline to authorize any payment out of its funds for any part of the Reservoir site; that His Honor the Mayor be respectfully requested to approve the selection of so much of the Reservoir lot in Thomas Park, South Boston, as the Committee on School Houses shall select for a high-school site, and that a copy of this report be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor, by a unanimous vote.

On motion of Mr. Huggan, for the Committee on Salaries, it was

Ordered, That the salary of the copyist in the offices of the School Committee be at the rate of ten hundred and eight dollars per annum, to date from Oct. 1, 1896. Salary of copyist in offices of the School Committee.

On motion of Mr. Huggan, for the same committee, it was

Payment to Nellie J. Breed.

Ordered, That the sum of nineteen dollars ($19) be paid to Nellie J. Breed, for extra services in the Prescott School while the school was without a sub-master.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Allan L. Sedley. [See p. 388.]

Mr. Huggan, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 13 — an order that Allan L. Sedley, first assistant, Grammar School, in the Lewis District, be placed upon the maximum salary of his rank, to date from Oct. 12, 1896, reported that after careful consideration your committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That Allan L. Sedley, first assistant, Grammar School, in the Lewis District, be placed upon the fifth year of service in his rank, to date from Oct. 12, 1896.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Drawing.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Drawing, presented a report of that committee in print. (School Doc. No. 12, 1896.)

Accepted.

Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, offered the following:

Additional sessions of Roxbury Evening Drawing School.

Ordered, That two additional sessions of the Roxbury Evening Drawing School be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings of each week, from half-past seven to half-past nine o'clock, until such time as the decrease in attendance shall warrant the discontinuance of such extra sessions.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the Second Division, offered the following:

Sessions of Warren School discontinued.

Ordered, That the sessions of the Warren School be discontinued for one week, or until the repairs to the sanitary accommodations of the building are completed.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Report of Committee on High Schools; amendment of course of study in High Schools.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order that this committee consider and report upon the expediency of amending the course of study for High Schools, reported that the matter has received attention, and no further action is necessary by the Board.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training; sanitary condition of school-houses in Lowell District.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training, presented the following report:

The Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training, in view of the recent article in an evening paper relative to the sanitary conditions and surroundings of school-houses in the Lowell district, and the alleged alarming spread of diphtheria in that neighborhood, desires to make the following statement:

There are approximately two thousand children in the Lowell District. Since September 26, the number of cases of diphtheria occurring in that district, as reported by the Board of Health, is seventeen. Only two pupils attending the Lowell annex, against the condition of which the criticism is mainly directed, are included in this number. Of the remaining fifteen, several have never attended any school, or have attended schools not under the city's control. The impression conveyed by the article mentioned is that the rooms in the Lowell annex are located in a damp, noisome basement, under a fish market and a laundry, saturated with moisture from the latter, and permeated with offensive odors from the former. As a matter of fact, the rooms have windows on two sides, admitting an abundant supply of air and sunlight, and would be considered very desirable quarters if situated in the more congested portions of

the city where school accommodations are limited. The only reminder of the neighborhood of a laundry is the fact that in one place there is a stain on the ceiling for which the presence of the laundry is undoubtedly responsible. As to the neighborhood of the fish market, we fail to find that it can be properly considered as either offensive or dangerous to the health of the pupils.

The committee would strongly condemn the publication of such articles as that referred to, which cause unnecessary alarm to the parents of children, are unwarranted by facts, and serve no good end.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Master of Evening Drawing Schools. [See p. 352.]

Mr. Huggan, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Sept. 22 — an order that the salary of the Master of Evening Drawing Schools be placed at two thousand dollars per annum, reported that your committee have given this matter their careful and earnest consideration, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the salary of the Master of Evening Drawing Schools be fixed at the rate of twelve hundred dollars ($1,200) per annum.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the order was laid on the table.

Mr. Allen offered the following:

Rescinding of order creating office of Master of Evening Drawing Schools. [See p. 352.]

Ordered, That the vote of the Board as recorded on page 352 of the Minutes, whereby the order "that the position of Master of Evening Drawing Schools be and hereby is created" was declared passed, at the meeting held Sept. 22, 1896, be rescinded.

Mr. Fowler in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Paul, it was voted that when the question on the passage of the order offered by Mr. Allen be taken, it be by yeas and nays.

The order was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Allen — 1. Yeas and nays.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, Anderson, Bassett, Blanchard, Calderwood, Davidson, Dunn, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fowler, Gallivan, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Lowell, McDonald, Paul, Strange, and Wise — 19.

Absent or not voting — Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Liebmann, Page, and Wetmore.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the nomination of Henry Hitchings as Master of Evening Drawing Schools was taken from the table. Nomination of Henry Hitchings, Master of Evening Drawing Schools.

The Board proceeded to ballot. Ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Strange, Blanchard, and Lowell a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 18; necessary for a choice, 13. W. L. Adams had 1 vote; Walter Gilman Page had 1 vote; Henry Hitchings had 16 votes, and was accordingly declared elected Master of Evening Drawing Schools. Henry Hitchings elected Master of Evening Drawing Schools.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the order relative to the salary of Master of Evening Drawing Schools was taken from the table. Salary of Master of Evening Drawing Schools.

Mr. McDonald moved to amend the order by striking out the words "twelve hundred dollars ($1,200)," and substituting in place thereof the words "two thousand dollars ($2,000)."

Mr. Paul moved that when the question on Mr. McDonald's motion be taken, it be by yeas and nays.

Mr. Lowell moved that the order be laid on the table.

Passed.

Mr. Blanchard doubted the vote.

Mr. Lowell's motion passed by a vote of 11 to 8.

Report of Committee on Horace Mann School.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on Horace Mann School, presented a report of that committee in print. (School Doc. No. 13, 1896.)

Accepted.

Death of Catherine M. Lynch.

Mr. Adams, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, reported the death of Catherine M. Lynch, late assistant, Grammar School, in the Dearborn District.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Adams, for the same committee, it was

Salary of Ellen M. Murphy.

Ordered, That Ellen M. Murphy, first assistant, Grammar School, in the Lewis District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her rank, to date from Sept. 8, 1896.

Mr. Bassett raised the point of order that the matter should be referred to the Committee on Salaries.

The Chair ruled the point of order not well taken.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, the vote whereby the above order was declared passed was reconsidered.

Mr. Wise moved that the whole matter be referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Strange moved as an amendment to Mr. Wise's motion that the matter be referred to the Committee on Nominations.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the matter was recommitted to the Committee on the Seventh Division.

The President in the chair.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Manual Training, offered the following:

Salary of Susie M. Thacher.

Ordered, That Susie M. Thacher, assistant instructor in wood-working, be placed on the fourth year of service in her rank.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, a sufficient appropriation be made to complete the Mechanic Arts High School-house in accordance with the original design.

Appropriation to complete Mechanic Arts High School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Evening Schools be authorized to employ additional assistance in the physical and chemical laboratory of the Evening High School, at an expense not to exceed two hundred dollars ($200), for the term 1896–97.

Employment of additional assistance in physical and chemical laboratory, Evening High School.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Blanchard, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That Ella L. Burbank, first assistant, Grammar School, in the Brimmer District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her rank, to date from Sept. 1, 1896.

Salary of Ella L. Burbank.

Mr. Blanchard moved that the above order be referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Anderson moved as an amendment to Mr. Blanchard's motion that the order be referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Anderson's motion passed.

Mr. Strange moved that the vote whereby Ella M. Hastings was nominated on probation as assistant, Grammar School, second year, in the Bennett District, from Nov. 2, 1896, be reconsidered, and the matter be referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Fowler raised the point of order that the nomi-

nation of Miss Hastings and similar nominations were properly before the Committee on Nominations, and therefore should not be referred to the Committee on Salaries.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken, and stated that cases where instructors were placed upon certain years, in accordance with the rules providing that a designated amount of credit should be allowed for previous service, came properly before the Committee on Nominations for action, and that exceptional cases should be referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Lowell moved that the Board adjourn.

Lost.

The Chair read the following:

Resignation of Walter Gilman Page as member of School Committee.

BOSTON, Oct. 27, 1896.

ISAAC F. PAUL, ESQ., *President of the School Committee:*

DEAR SIR: I beg leave to tender my resignation as a member of the Boston School Committee.

Respectfully yours,

WALTER GILMAN PAGE.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Citizens' Improvement Association of Ward 25; purchase of land on the east side of school-house at Faneuil.

ROOMS OF THE CITIZENS' IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF WARD 25.

BOSTON, WARD 25, Oct. 22, 1896.

ISAAC F. PAUL, ESQ., *President of the School Committee, City of Boston:*

DEAR SIR: At the meeting of the Citizens' Improvement Association of Ward 25, held this evening, the secretary was instructed to write your honorable Board urging the purchase of land on the east side of the school-house at Faneuil while it is still possible to secure it.

We hope you may be able to see your way clear to do so. Its necessity is self evident.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully yours,

EDWARD C. SCATES,

Secretary Citizens' Improvement Association of Ward 25.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair presented a petition from James P. Kelley and sixty-five others, asking that an Evening Elementary School be established in the George Putnam School-house.

Petition of James P. Kelley et als.; establishment of Evening Elementary School in George Putnam School-house.

Referred to the Committee on Evening Schools.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, NOV. 10, 1896.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mrs. Fifield.

On motion of Mr. Liebmann, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Charles Sumner District. — Artemas Wiswall, master, Feb. 1, 1897.

Christopher Gibson District. — E. Louise Brown, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Dudley District. — Olive A. Thompson, assistant, Grammar School, Oct. 31, 1896.

Frothingham District. — Cecelia A. Kelley, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1896.

John A. Andrew District. — Caroline M. Walsh, assistant, Primary School, Oct. 6, 1896.

Phillips District. — Jennie A. Dodson, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the resignation of Artemas Wiswall was laid on the table.

The resignations as presented by the Committee on Nominations, with the exception of that of Mr. Wiswall, were accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT.

Special assistant.

Eliot District. — Blanche F. Harrington, from Oct. 26, 1896.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Bunker Hill District. — Marcella C. Coyle, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Charles Sumner District. — Mary A. H. Fuller, assistant, Grammar School, from Sept. 24, 1896, to Oct. 1, 1896, inclusive.

Christopher Gibson District. — Helen A. Fernald, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 9, 1896.

Harris District. — Susan J. Berigan, assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Lewis District. — Mary A. H. Fuller, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 9, 1896.

Mather District. — Susie J. Clough, assistant, Primary School, from Oct. 22, 1896.

Quincy District. — Evelyn E. Kelley, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Wells District. — Helen M. Cleveland, assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 26, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Bunker Hill District. — Josephine F. Hannon, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Christopher Gibson District. — E. Louise Brown, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Frothingham District. — Martha J. Bryant, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Sept. 8. 1896.

Phillips District. — Jennie A. Dodson, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Tileston District. — Alice M. Ryan, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Instructor of Sewing. — Annie F. Marlowe, from Nov. 5, 1896.

Kindergartens.

Centre-street School. — Lila C. Fisher, assistant, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Cudworth School. — Maude P. Marshall, assistant, from Oct. 12, 1896.

Thomas N. Hart School. — Clara G. Locke, assistant, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Christopher Gibson District. — Rose E. A. Redding, assistant, Primary School.

Gaston District. — Katherine J. McMahon, assistant, Primary School.

Winthrop District. — Mary E. Noonan, Teresa M. Sullivan, assistants, Primary School.

Instructor of Sewing. — M. Lillian Dunbar.

Kindergartens.

Cyrus Alger School. — Louise M. Davis, principal.

George-street School. — Alice S. Brown, principal.

Hillside School. — E. Elizabeth Brown, assistant.

Shurtleff School. — Josephine Gay, principal.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Assistants in Evening Schools.

Dearborn School. — Assistant, Emma F. Wilson, from Oct. 12, 1896.

Franklin School. — Assistant, Aloyse B. Tiernay, from Oct. 21, 1896.

Lincoln School. — Assistant, Alice G. O'Gorman, from Oct. 20, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

EVENING DRAWING SCHOOLS.

Assistants, Evening Drawing Schools.

Assistants, Josiah P. Hayward, Alvah C. Spencer, from Oct. 26, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of a teacher.

Everett District. — Annetta F. Armes, assistant, Grammar School, on probation, to the same position, on probation, in the Harris District, to date from Nov. 1, 1896.

Accepted, and the transfer confirmed.

Leaves of absence; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Mary C. Hall.

Chapman District. — Mary C. Hall, assistant, Primary School, from Oct. 1, 1896, until Jan. 1, 1897.

Caroline F. Seaver.

Lewis District. — Caroline F. Seaver, assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 1, 1896, until March 1, 1897; Emma F. Wilson, substitute.

Josephine A. Ayers.

Lyman District. — Josephine A. Ayers, assistant, Primary School, from Oct. 5, 1896, until Jan. 1, 1897; Annie A. Doran, substitute.

Alice B. Hennessey, substitute.

Roger Clap District. — Alice B. Hennessey, substitute for Agnes G. Wright, assistant, Primary School, granted leave of absence.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the Committee on Drawing, reported the nomination of the following-named masters of Evening Drawing Schools, to date from Oct. 12, 1896:

Report of Committee on Nominations; election of masters of Evening Drawing Schools.

Mechanic Arts Evening Drawing School. — George Jepson.

Warren-avenue Evening Drawing School. — George H. Bartlett.

Accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

Ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Strange, Liebmann, and Mrs. Keller a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 18; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. George Jepson and George H. Bartlett had each 18 votes and were accordingly declared elected masters of the Evening Drawing Schools designated, from Oct. 12, 1896.

George Jepson and George H. Bartlett elected masters of Evening Drawing Schools.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Ordered, That the Board of Aldermen be requested to have four trees removed on Mozart street in front of the Lowell School-house, said trees being in a dangerous condition.

Removal of trees on Mozart street.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the plans and specifications prepared by the Superintendent of Public Buildings, for the grading, paving, etc., of the yard of the Primary School-house, Beech street, Roslindale, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and they are hereby approved by this Board; and the Committee on School Houses are hereby authorized to advertise for

Approval of plans and specifications for grading, paving, etc., yard of Beech-street Primary School-house, Roslindale.

proposals to grade said yard, in accordance with said plans and specifications, and to make, in behalf of this Board, the necessary contracts for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

For the information of the Board, the Chair read the following:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, Nov. 10, 1896.

To the Committee on School Houses:

GENTLEMEN: I have this day examined a plan and specifications for the grading, paving, etc., of the lot of the Primary School-house on Beech street, West Roxbury District, of the city of Boston. I hereby approve said plan and specifications.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

The order passed.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Appropriations for West End Primary School-house, building, and new Bowdoin School-house, furnishing.

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following appropriations be made:

West End Primary School-house, building,	$60,000 00
New Bowdoin School-house, furnishing and electric fixtures	9,000 00

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Appropriations for furnishing small wooden buildings and for completing building in yard of Prescott School-house.

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following appropriations be made:

Small wooden buildings, furnishing . .	$7,000 00
Wooden building in yard of Prescott School-house, additional	228 89

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 27 — an order that a sufficient appropriation be made to complete the Mechanic Arts High School-house in accordance with the original design, reported that this committee are of the opinion that the building should be completed as suggested in the order referred. The appropriation available this year is exhausted, but they recommend the matter for favorable consideration early in 1897.

Report of Committee on School Houses; appropriation for completion of Mechanic Arts High School-house. [See p. 419.]

Accepted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 27 — a communication from the Citizens' Improvement Association of Ward 25, relative to the purchase of land on the east side of the school-house at Faneuil, reported that this matter has already been considered carefully by this committee and a report has been made to the Board stating that in their judgment it is inexpedient to purchase said lot. Your committee see no reason to change their former recommendation, and report that no further action in the matter is necessary by the Board.

Report of Committee on School Houses; purchase of land on the east side of school-house at Faneuil. [See p. 420.]

Accepted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 22 — an order requesting them to report the cost of building an addition of four rooms to the Bigelow School-house, reported that such an addition will cost approximately fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000).

Report of Committee on School Houses; cost of building an addition of four rooms to Bigelow School-house. [See p. 355.]

Accepted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 13 — a communication from the American Fire Alarm Company calling the attention of the School Committee to the thermostat automatic fire-alarm system for use in public school buildings, reported that

Report of Committee on School Houses; thermostat automatic fire-alarm system for use in public schools. [See p. 390.]

they have given the matter their attention, and recommend that no further action is necessary by the Board.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, offered the following:

Purchase of land for enlargement of Robinson-street School-house lot.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, a certain lot or parcel of land belonging to Hannah T. Bliss, situated in the Dorchester District of Boston, adjoining and lying on the northerly side of the Robinson-street School-house lot near Field's Corner, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the southwesterly corner of said premises and running northerly along the easterly line of land now or formerly of Charles M. Carter and Edward N. Capen, about ninety-four and $\frac{73}{100}$ feet; then turning and running easterly along the southerly line of land of Jesse and Flora A. Moulton, about one hundred ninety-four and $\frac{89}{100}$ feet; then turning and running southerly about one hundred and four and $\frac{48}{100}$ feet to the northerly line of said school-house lot; then turning and running westerly along the northerly line of said school-house lot about one hundred ninety-five and $\frac{44}{100}$ feet to the point of beginning, and containing nineteen thousand four hundred and thirty-three square feet of land, more or less.

Mr. Blanchard moved that the order be laid on the table, and specially assigned for consideration at the next meeting of the Board.

Passed by a vote of 9 to 8.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Grace G. Starbird. [See p. 384.]

Mr. Huggan, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Oct. 13 — an order that Grace G. Starbird, assistant in the Girls' High School, be placed upon the third year of service in her rank, reported that they

have considered the matter, and recommend that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Susie M. Thacher. [See p. 418.]

Mr. Huggan, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 27 — an order that Susie M. Thacher, assistant instructor in manual training, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her rank, reported that they have given the matter careful consideration, and feel that it would be unwise to establish a precedent by allowing credit as suggested in the order referred. Your committee therefore recommend that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Ella L. Burbank. [See p. 419.]

Mr. Huggan, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 27 — an order that Ella L. Burbank, first assistant, Grammar School, in the Brimmer District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her rank, reported that your committee have given earnest attention to this application, and feel that with the substantial increase which has been granted first assistants in the Grammar Schools under the new salary schedule, any temporary loss which may in some cases be sustained by first assistants in the schools will be more than compensated for during their future service. Your committee therefore recommend that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Charles W. Gerould. [See p. 355.]

Mr. Huggan, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 22 — an order that Charles W. Gerould, junior-master in the East Boston High School, be placed upon the fourth year of service in his rank,

reported that they have carefully reviewed the facts in connection with this case, and are of the opinion that Mr. Gerould is justly entitled to the credit requested. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That Charles W. Gerould, junior-master in the East Boston High School, be placed upon the fourth year of service in his rank, to date from Sept. 1, 1896.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Mary T. Hale. [See p. 384.]

Mr. Huggan, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 13 — an order that Mary T. Hale, principal of the Yeoman-street Kindergarten, be placed upon the maximum salary of her rank, reported that Miss Hale resigned her position as principal of the Yeoman-street Kindergarten, Sept. 1, 1894, solely on account of her health. If she had remained in the service she would have been entitled to the year of service in her rank on which she now desires to be placed. She now returns to the service and has been appointed to the same position which she held at the time of her resignation, and in the opinion of your committee, under the circumstances, it seems just that she should not lose by her enforced absence from the school. They recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That Mary T. Hale, principal of the Yeoman-street Kindergarten, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her rank, to date from Sept. 8, 1896.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Annetta F. Armes. [See p. 383.]

Mr. Huggan, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 13 — an order that Annetta F. Armes, assistant, Grammar School, in the Everett District, be placed on the seventh year of service in her rank, reported that the committee have taken under careful

consideration all the facts connected with this application. Miss Armes was granted leave of absence for a year, without pay, to enable her to seek employment at a greater compensation than that she was then receiving, and subsequently, Sept. 1, 1894, she resigned for the same reason. Under those circumstances, your committee do not feel that on her return to the service of the city she is fairly entitled to any more than the maximum amount of credit allowed under the rule. They therefore recommend that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Maud G. Leadbetter. [See p. 384.]

Mr. Huggan, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 13 — an order that Maud G. Leadbetter, assistant in the Roxbury High School, be placed upon the third year of service in her rank, reported that Miss Leadbetter resigned as first assistant, Grammar School, in the Charles Sumner District, to take her present position in the Roxbury High School. Had she remained in the Charles Sumner School she would have received $1,116 per year, while the minimum salary of the position of assistant in the High Schools is $972. The rules provide that no instructor promoted in rank shall be reduced in salary, and if Miss Leadbetter is placed upon the third year in her present rank she will receive the same salary she would have received had she remained in the Charles Sumner School. Your committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That Maud G. Leadbetter, assistant in the Roxbury High School, be placed upon the third year of service in her rank, to date from Oct. 5, 1896.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Wise, the following order was taken from the table:

Salary of Master of Evening Drawing Schools. [See p. 417.]

Ordered, That the salary of the Master of Evening Drawing Schools be fixed at the rate of twelve hundred dollars ($1,200) per annum.

Mr. McDonald withdrew the motion offered by him at the last meeting, to amend the order by striking out the words "twelve hundred dollars ($1,200)" and substituting in place thereof the words "two thousand dollars ($2,000)."

The order passed.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Drawing, offered the following:

Salary of Henry Hitchings.

Ordered, That there be paid to Henry Hitchings, Master of Evening Drawing Schools, a salary of eight hundred dollars ($800) for such extra services as he may render to the Director of Drawing, under the direction of the Committee on Drawing.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following:

Employment of Margaret A. Connell, special assistant in Wells Grammar School.

Ordered, That Margaret A. Connell be employed as a special assistant to Mary F. Flanagan, teacher of an ungraded class in the Wells Grammar School, to date from Nov. 11, 1896.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following:

Sessions of Evening Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Evening Schools be authorized to fix the hours of the sessions of the Evening Schools in accordance with their discretion.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the following order was taken from the table:

Naming of Beech-street Primary School-

Ordered, That the new Primary School-house, Beech street, Roslindale, be named the Elizabeth Palmer

Peabody School, in honor of the late Elizabeth Palmer Peabody.

house the Elizabeth Palmer Peabody School. [See pp. 86, 87, 88, 97, 118, 178, 409, 410.]

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the order was recommitted to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the following order was taken from the table:

Ordered, That the new Primary School-house on Chambers and Poplar streets be named the Mayhew School.

Naming of Primary School-house on Chambers and Poplar streets the Mayhew School. [See p. 410.]

Mr. Anderson moved that the order be recommitted to the Committee on School Houses.

Lost by a vote of 3 to 10.

The order passed, fifteen members voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Fowler offered the following:

Ordered, That the new school-house, Roslindale, at the corner of South and Hewlett streets, be named the James Otis School, in honor of that eloquent patriot who sounded the key-note of the Revolution when he said "Taxation without representation is tyranny."

Naming of school-house, South and Hewlett streets, Roslindale, the James Otis School.

Referred to the Committee on School Hou ses.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, it was

Ordered, That a special committee of five be appointed to consider and report on the expediency of relocating the boundary lines of the school districts.

Special committee on district lines appointed.

The Chair appointed as such committee Messrs. Gallivan, Davison, Bassett, Hubbard, and Mrs. Ames.

Approved.

Mrs. Ames, for the Committee on Manual Training, to whom was referred — Oct. 13 — an order that the Committee on Horace Mann School be authorized to expend the sum of $150 during the current year for providing instruction in type-setting and printing to the pupils of said school, reported that in the opinion of

Report of Committee on Manual Training; expenditure for instruction in type-setting in Horace Mann School. [See p. 381.]

this committee funds should be provided by the city for the purpose named. They recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on the Horace Mann School be authorized to expend the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars ($150) during the current year for providing instruction in type-setting and printing to the pupils of said school.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following:

Salary of Charles F. Merrick.

Ordered, That Charles F. Merrick, sub-master in the Bennett District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in his rank, to date from Sept. 8, 1896.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, offered the following:

Payment to Ellen J. Kiggen.

Ordered, That Ellen J. Kiggen, assistant, Grammar School, in the Charles Sumner District, be paid fifteen and $\frac{84}{100}$ dollars ($15.84) for extra services.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, it was

Message to Board of Aldermen relative to vacancy in School Committee.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Board of Aldermen informing that body that a vacancy exists in the School Committee, caused by the resignation of Mr. Walter Gilman Page.

Mr. Fowler presented the following:

Petition from S. B. Stebbins *et als.*; mastership of Charles Sumner School.

To the Honorable School Committee of the City of Boston:

We, the undersigned, parents and citizens of Roslindale, respectfully petition that Mr. Artemas Wiswall be retained as master of the Charles Sumner School until Sept. 1, 1897, and that Mr. Alaric Stone, the present sub-master, be appointed as his successor.

S. B. STEBBINS,
and nine hundred eighty-four others.

Laid on the table temporarily.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on Sixth Division, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, a communication from citizens of South Boston relative to the use of school-house yards as playgrounds for children, reported that this matter has been brought to the attention of the School Committee several times. Your committee are in full sympathy with the desire of the petitioners to provide a proper and safe playground for the children, but, after having given the matter their careful and earnest consideration, they are of the opinion that the disadvantages of opening the school yards as playgrounds far outweigh the advantages. They recommend that in their judgment it is unwise to take favorable action on the communication referred, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of Committee on Sixth Division; use of school yards as playgrounds.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

The Chair presented a petition from L. B. Sawyer, relative to the abolition of the position of engineer at the English High and Latin School-house.

Communication from L. B. Sawyer relative to abolition of position of engineer at English High and Latin School-house.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The Chair read the following:

THURSDAY, Oct. 29, 1896.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston:

We, the undersigned, earnestly beg that the Wyman School, on Wyman street, Jamaica Plain, be closed and fumigated, as we feel it to be the only means to stop the diseases which seem to be so prevalent among our children.

HENRY A. KLEH,
and eighteen others.

Petition of Henry A. Kleh *et als.;* fumigation of Wyman School-house.

Referred to the Committee on the Eighth Division.

Mr. Fowler offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters be and they hereby are directed to appear before the next session of the Legislature and endeavor to have a

Petition to Legislature; pension for superannuated teachers.

law passed enabling the city of Boston to pay a pension of from twenty-five to thirty-three and one-third per cent. of the salary at the date of retiring to all teachers who shall retire either because of poor health or old age, provided such teachers have served twenty-five consecutive years in the public schools of said city, ordinary absences because of sickness or leave of the School Committee of said city not to be counted against their length of service.

Mr. Fowler moved that the order be referred to the Joint Committee on Rules and Regulations and Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, Mr. Fowler's motion was amended by substituting the word "Accounts" for the words "Rules and Regulations."

Mr. Fowler's motion, as amended, passed.

Secret session.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the doors were closed.

Resignation of Artemas Wiswall.

On motion of Mr. Fowler, the resignation of Artemas Wiswall was taken from the table.

The resignation was accepted.

Petition of S. B. Stebbins *et als.;* relative to mastership of Charles Sumner School.

On motion of Mr. Fowler, the petition of S. B. Stebbins and others, relative to the mastership of the Charles Sumner School, was taken from the table, and referred to the Committee on the Eighth Division.

On motion of Mr. Fowler, the doors were opened.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Nov. 24, 1896.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the Chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Allen, Fowler, and Wetmore.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for estate on Chambers and Poplar streets. [See pp. 408, 409.]

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, CITY HALL, Nov. 20, 1896.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with James T. Maher upon the sum of ten thousand five hundred seventy and $\frac{95}{100}$ dollars, as payment for the estate at the corner of Chambers and Poplar streets, taken by the Board May 22, 1896 (and taking recorded same day), for school purposes, upon the said Maher giving to the city a deed for the same which shall be satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of instructors.

Adams District. — Ellen M. Robbins, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Bigelow District. — Ann J. Lyon, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Bowdoin District. — Elizabeth R. Preston, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Brimmer District. — Edith L. Stratton, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Chapman District. — Marietta Duncan, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Charles Sumner District. — Alaric Stone, submaster, Nov. 30, 1896.

Eliot District. — Rosa M. E. Reggio, Carrie A. Waugh, assistants, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Emerson District. — Mary E. Plummer, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Gaston District. — Ella R. Johnson, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Hancock District. — Teresa M. Gargan, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

John A. Andrew District. — Mary A. Jenkins, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Lawrence District. — Martha S. Damon, Sarah E. Lakeman, assistants, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Lincoln District. — Elizabeth M. Easton, Laura L. Newhall, assistants, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Lyman District. — Emma M. Bates, assistant, Grammar School, Anna I. Duncan, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Mather District. — Harriet C. Tebbetts, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 5, 1896.

Prince District. — Laura K. Hayward, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Rice Training School. — Mary E. Mailman, assistant, Dec. 1, 1896.

Thomas N. Hart District. — Mary E. Powell, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Wells District. — Sarah G. Fogarty, Mary F. Gargan, assistants, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Dillaway District. — Florence W. Aiken, from Nov. 17, 1896.

Quincy District. — Ellen A. Dillingham, from Nov. 23, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

East Boston High School. — Gracia E. Read, assistant, from Nov. 30, 1896.

Christopher Gibson District. — Katherine J. Daily, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 12, 1896.

Everett District. — Harriet E. Ells, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 4, 1896; Bertha L. Mulloney, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 9, 1896.

Mather District. — Mary F. O'Brien, assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 6, 1896.

Roger Clap District. — Fanny L. Short, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 16, 1896.

Thomas N. Hart District. — M. Edna Cherrington, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 8, 1896, to Sept. 18, 1896, inclusive.

Wells District. — Helen M. Cleveland, first assistant, Grammar School, from Oct. 26, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Boys' Latin School. — Alaric Stone, junior-master, seventh year, from Dec. 1, 1896.

Charlestown High School. — Harriet E. Hutchinson, teacher of physical training, from Jan. 4, 1897.

Adams District. — Ellen M. Robbins, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Bigelow District. — Ann J. Lyon, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Bowdoin District. — Elizabeth R. Preston, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Brimmer District. — Edith L. Stratton, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Chapman District. — Marietta Duncan, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Dearborn District. — Mary L. Gaylord, assistant, Primary School, fourth year, from Nov. 30, 1896.

Eliot District. — Rosa M. E. Reggio, Carrie A. Waugh, first assistants, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Emerson District. — Mary E. Plummer, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Gaston District. — Ella R. Johnson, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Hancock District. — Teresa M. Gargan, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

John A. Andrew District. — Mary A. Jenkins, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Lawrence District. — Martha S. Damon, Sarah E. Lakeman, first assistants, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Lincoln District. — Elizabeth M. Easton, Laura L. Newhall, first assistants, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Lyman District. — Emma M. Bates, first assistant, Grammar School, Anna I. Duncan, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Prince District. — Laura K. Hayward, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Rice Training School. — Mary E. Mailman, first assistant, from Dec. 1, 1896; Julia H. Neil, assistant, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Thomas N. Hart District. — Mary E. Powell, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Wells District. — Sarah G. Fogarty, Mary F. Gargan, first assistants, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

West Concord-street Kindergarten. — Mabel F. Kemp, assistant, from Nov. 23, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Girls' Latin School. — Mary D. Davenport, assistant.

Charlestown High School. — Marion K. Norris, assistant.

Emerson District. — Margaret E. Gray, assistant, Primary School.

George Putnam District. — Ella J. Brown, assistant, Primary School.

Horace Mann School. — Martha C. Kincaide, assistant.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Assistants in Evening Schools.

Evening High School. — Assistant, Lyman G. Smith, from Nov. 16, 1896.

Bigelow School. — Assistants, Eloise A. Barstow, from Oct. 15, 1896; Mary J. Ryan, from Oct. 16, 1896; Robert E. Burke, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Eliot School. — Assistants, Mary F. Power, from Oct. 13, 1896; Theodore A. Penney, from Oct. 14, 1896; Mary F. Moore, from Oct. 15, 1896; Joseph Kirwin, from Nov. 3, 1896.

Franklin School. — Assistant, Ede F. Travis, from Oct. 15, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

TRANSFERS.

Transfers.

Lowell District. — Mary E. Clapp, assistant, Primary School, to the position of assistant, Grammar School, in the same district, to date from Oct. 1, 1896.

Mather District. — Loea P. Howard, sub-master, to the same position in the Charles Sumner District, to date from Dec. 1, 1896.

Accepted, and the transfers confirmed.

Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Artemas Wiswall.

Charles Sumner District. — Artemas Wiswall, master, from Nov. 30, 1896, until Feb. 1, 1897.

Mary K. Tibbits, substitute.

Minot District. — Mary K. Tibbits, substitute for Gertrude P. Davis, first assistant, Grammar School, granted leave of absence.

Abbie E. Wilson, substitute.

Prince District. — Abbie E. Wilson, substitute for Luthera W. Bird, assistant, Grammar School, granted leave of absence.

Mary E. Irwin.

Roger Clap District. — Mary E. Irwin, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 2, 1896, until Jan. 31, 1897; Gertrude M. Dimock, substitute.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following:

Additional master of Charles Sumner School authorized.

Ordered, That this Board authorize the election of a master of the Charles Sumner School, in addition to the master who has been granted leave of absence until Feb. 1, 1897, and whose resignation has been accepted by the Board, to take effect on the same date.

The rules were suspended, 17 members voting in the affirmative, and the order passed. Rules suspended.

Mr. Strange, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and Eighth Division, in accordance with the authority given in the order passed by the Board allowing a master in the Charles Sumner School in addition to the master who has been granted leave of absence until Feb. 1, 1897, and whose resignation has been accepted by the Board, to take effect the same date, reported the following transfer of a master to the position of principal of the Charles Sumner School: Report of Joint Committee on Nominations and Eighth District; transfer of Frederick H. Ripley.

Bigelow School. — Frederick H. Ripley, master, to the same position in the Charles Sumner School, to date from Nov. 30, 1896.

Accepted, and the transfer confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Ordered, That there be paid to James T. Maher, the sum of ten thousand five hundred seventy and $\frac{95}{100}$ dollars ($10,570.95), as payment for the estate at the corner of Chambers and Poplar streets taken by the Board May 22, 1896 (and taking recorded same day), for school purposes, upon the said Maher giving to the city a deed for the same which shall be satisfactory to the Law Department. Purchase of estate on Chambers and Poplar streets for school purposes. [See p. 439.]

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Board of Aldermen be requested to allow a flagstaff to be erected in the sidewalk on Myrtle street, Ward 8, in front of the Bowdoin School-house. Erection of flagstaff in front of Bowdoin School-house.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 13 — a communication from His Honor the Mayor enclosing a communication from the Common Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from His Honor

the Mayor; communication from Common Council; site for school-house at corner of Thorndike and Reed streets, Ward 17. [See p. 361.]

Council requesting the School Committee to look into the advisability of securing a site for a school-house at the corner of Thorndike and Reed streets, Ward 17, reported that careful consideration has been given to the matter by your committee. As all the money available this year has been appropriated, the committee recommend that it is inexpedient to secure a site at present in the vicinity suggested.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Transfers of appropriations.

Ordered, That from the $12,000 appropriated June 18, 1896, out of the amount granted the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, for the Dorchester High School-house site, the following transfers to be made:

Gilbert Stuart School-house lot, grading .	$6,000
Blackinton School-house lot, grading . .	5,982

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, offered the following:

Approval of plans for grading yard of Gilbert Stuart School-house.

Ordered, That the plans prepared by the Superintendent of Public Buildings for the grading of the yard of the Gilbert Stuart School-house, Dorchester, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and they are hereby approved by this Board, and the Committee on School Houses are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to grade said yard, in accordance with said plans, and to make, in behalf of this Board, the necessary contracts for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

For the information of the Board the Chair read the following:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, NOV. 23, 1896.

To the Committee on School Houses:

GENTLEMEN: I have examined with care the grading plan for the lot of the Grammar School-house on Richmond street in the Stoughton District, Dorchester. Said plan has my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent Public Schools.

The order passed.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, offered the following:

Approval of plans for grading yard of Blackinton School-house.

Ordered, That the plans prepared by the Superintendent of Public Buildings for the grading of the yard of the Blackinton School-house, Orient Heights, East Boston, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and they are hereby approved by this Board, and the Committee on School Houses are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to grade said yard, in accordance with said plans, and to make, in behalf of this Board, the necessary contracts for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

For the information of the Board, the Chair read the following:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, NOV. 24, 1896.

To the Committee on School Houses:

GENTLEMEN: I have examined with care the grading plan, prepared under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, for the lot of the Blackinton School, at Orient Heights, East Boston. Said plan has my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Public Schools.

The order passed.

On motion of Mr. Huggan, for the Committee on Salaries, it was

Salary of armorer. [See p. 385.]

Ordered, That the salary of the armorer be at the rate of ten hundred and fifty dollars ($1,050) per annum, to date from Dec. 1, 1896.

On motion of Mr. Huggan, for the same committee, it was

Salary of Harriet E. Hutchinson.

Ordered, That the salary of Harriet E. Hutchinson, teacher of physical training in the Charlestown High School, be fixed at the rate of nine hundred seventy-two dollars ($972) per annum, to date from Jan. 4, 1897.

Report of Committee on Salaries; payment to Ellen J. Kiggen. [See p. 436.]

Mr. Huggan, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 10 — an order relative to the payment of $15.84 to Ellen J. Kiggen, assistant, Grammar School, in the Charles Sumner District, for extra services, reported that in the judgment of this committee Miss Kiggen should be paid as suggested in the order referred. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That Ellen J. Kiggen, assistant, Grammar School, in the Charles Sumner District, be paid fifteen and $\frac{84}{100}$ dollars ($15.84) for extra services.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Henry Hitchings. [See p. 434.]

Mr. Huggan, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 10 — an order that there be paid to Henry Hitchings, master of Evening Drawing Schools, a salary of eight hundred dollars ($800) for such extra services as he may render to the Director of Drawing, under the direction of the Committee on Drawing, reported that they have given this matter very careful consideration. According to the terms of the order referred, it would seem to be intended that Mr. Hitchings should be paid for extra services, of a nature not defined, to be rendered to the Director of Drawing. It is the custom of the Board to pay for extra services only after such services have been performed, and your committee see no reason for making an exception in this case.

Furthermore, your committee have consulted with the Director of Drawing on this subject, and are of the opinion that the real intention of the Committee on Drawing is to create a new position to be filled by Mr. Hitchings. That being so, it is clearly improper for this committee to fix a salary for a position which not only does not exist, but which they have no power to create.

Your committee therefore recommend that this order be recommitted to the Committee on Drawing.

Accepted, and the order recommitted to the Committee on Drawing.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Charles F. Merrick. [See p. 436.]

Mr. Huggan, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 10 — an order that Charles F. Merrick, sub-master in the Bennett District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in his rank, to date from Sept. 8, 1896, reported that, May 19, 1896, the Committee on the Eighth Division recommended to the Committee on Nominations the appointment of Mr. Merrick in the Bennett School, and under the rules in force at that time he was entitled to be placed upon the sixth year of service in his rank, which was recommended by the Committee on the Eighth Division. Mr. Merrick was to take the place of Mr. Kimball, who was to be transferred to the Stoughton District. In the Committee on Nominations it was ascertained that the numbers in the Stoughton District did not warrant the appointment of a sub-master under the rules, and on this account the matter was delayed, and was not finally acted upon until June 25, when the appointment of Mr. Merrick was recommended in the Committee on Nominations. On June 23 the new salary bill was passed, and under its provisions no credit was given for previous service to sub-masters, and Mr. Merrick was accordingly elected on the first year.

Your committee are of the opinion that as Mr. Merrick was given to understand that he would receive five years' credit, and was deprived of this credit by the new salary schedule going into effect before final action was taken on his appointment, that credit should be allowed in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on the Eighth Division. If three years' credit is allowed Mr. Merrick, it will place him on about the same salary he would have received had he been given five years' credit under the old salary schedule. Your committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That Charles F. Merrick, sub-master in the Bennett District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in his rank, to date from Sept. 8, 1896.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Eighth Division; petition of Henry A. Kleh *et als.*; fumigation of Wyman School-house. [See p. 437.]

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, to whom was referred — Nov. 10 — a petition from Henry A. Kleh and others, asking that the Wyman school-house be closed and fumigated, reported that they have received a communication from the Board of Health, stating that the school-house was thoroughly disinfected on the first day of this month. Your committee therefore recommend that no further action is necessary by the Board, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, it was

Thanks of Board extended to Hamilton Club of West Roxbury.

Ordered, That the thanks of this Board be extended to the Hamilton Club of West Roxbury for their very generous offer of a portrait of Alexander Hamilton for the Robert G. Shaw School.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries be requested to give their immediate attention to the matter of increasing the salaries paid the instructors in the Horace Mann School, especially the salary paid to the instructor on manual training in that school, said salaries not having been affected by the operation of the new salary schedule.

Salaries of instructors of Horace Mann School.

Mrs. Keller offered the following:

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended so as to provide for the election of sub-masters in girls' schools.

Election of sub-masters in girls' schools.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom were referred — May 12 — orders that the Rules and Regulations be amended to provide for the election of a Director of Music and assistants, reported that they have carefully considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the following orders:

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; election of Director of Music and assistants. [See p. 160.]

Ordered, That section 83 of the Rules and Regulations be amended by inserting after the words "Director of Drawing," in the tenth line, the words "Director of Music."

Ordered, That section 113 of the Rules and Regulations be amended by striking out the words "Special instructors in music," in the second line, and inserting in place thereof the words, "Director of Music and assistants."

Accepted, and the orders passed to a second reading.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, to whom were referred — June 30 — an order that the rules be amended to provide that no principal and none of the directors mentioned in section 83 shall be nominated to the Board except in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent; and no subordinate instructor shall be

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendment of rules; nomination of instructors. [See p. 285.]

nominated to the Board, except in accordance with a recommendation of the Board of Supervisors approved by the Superintendent; and — Oct. 13 — an order that the rules be amended to provide that no teacher shall be nominated on probation in the day schools until a written report on the qualifications of such teacher shall have been obtained from the Board of Supervisors and the Superintendent, reported that this whole subject has received the careful consideration of the committee. They are of the opinion that the proposition suggested in the orders referred is one that should be carried into effect, and they recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That section 81 of the rules be amended by adding thereto the following words: "No principal and none of the directors mentioned in section 83, and no subordinate instructor, shall be nominated to the Board except in accordance with a recommendation of the Board of Supervisors, in writing, approved by the Superintendent."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following:

Amendment of Regulations; attendance of pupils of Evening High School.

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 329. Strike out the word "three," in the tenth line, and substitute in place thereof the word "two."

Passed to a second reading.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following:

Amendment of rules; salaries of instructors in High Schools.

Ordered, That the rules be amended as follows:

Strike out section 119, and substitute in place thereof the following:

SECTION 119. The salaries of the instructors of the

several ranks of the Latin and High Schools, except those of head-master, master, junior-master, and assistant principal, shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding nine years, so that the maximum rate shall be reached for the tenth and each subsequent year of service. The salaries of junior-masters shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding eleven years, so that the maximum rate, with the rank of master, shall be reached for the twelfth and each subsequent year of service.

Passed to a second reading.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Manual Training, it was

Course of study for Mechanic Arts High School.

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be instructed to draw up a course of study for the Mechanic Arts High School, to be presented to the Board through the Committee on Manual Training.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, presented the following:

Report of Committee on Ninth Division; danger to children from apparatus of Fire Department located on Meeting-House Hill.

The Committee on the Ninth Division have for some time viewed with alarm the fact that two pieces of apparatus of the Fire Department are located on Meeting-House Hill, in the Dorchester District, in close proximity to five school buildings, attended by upwards of fifteen hundred children, thereby endangering the safety of said children; and they deem it their duty to call the attention of the City Council to the matter, in order that suitable measures may be taken for the protection of the children attending said schools. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to take immediate measures to so relocate the fire apparatus on Meeting-House Hill as to reduce the danger to the children attending the schools in the vicinity to a minimum.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following:

Sessions of Evening High and Elementary Schools suspended on Nov. 27, 1896.

Ordered, That there be no session of the Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools on Friday evening, Nov. 27, 1896; and that the salaries of the teachers of these schools be allowed and paid for said evening.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Evening Schools; petition of James P. Kelley *et als.*; establishment of Evening Elementary School in George Putnam School-house.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 27 — a petition signed by James P. Kelley and sixty-five others, asking that an Evening Elementary School be established in the George Putnam School-house, reported that they have given the matter their careful consideration, and are of the opinion that it is inexpedient to comply with the request, and they recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following:

Erection of Paul Revere School-house four stories high, with roof playground.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be instructed to cause the new Paul Revere School-house to be erected four stories high, and the roof to be so guarded and arranged as to be available as a playground.

The Chair ruled that before the order could be entertained it would be necessary to rescind the order passed by the Board Oct. 27, 1896, whereby the plans and

specifications for the new Paul Revere School-house were approved by the Board.

The order was withdrawn.

Mr. Anderson offered the following:

Ordered, That the order passed on Oct. 27, 1896, appearing on page 401 of the Minutes, whereby the plans for the new Paul Revere School-house, at the North End, were approved, be and the same hereby is rescinded.

Rescinding of order whereby plans of Paul Revere School-house were approved. [See p. 401.]

Mr. Strange moved that the order be referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Lost.

The order was lost by a vote of 4 to 11.

The Chair read the following:

Appointment of Ella F. Deuel assistant in office of Secretary.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Nov. 24, 1896.

MR. ISAAC F. PAUL, *President of the School Committee:*

DEAR SIR: In accordance with the Regulations, I respectfully ask the approval of the Board to the appointment of Miss Ella F. Deuel as assistant in my office, the term of service to begin Nov. 6, 1896.

Respectfully yours,

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

Approved.

Mrs. Ames offered the following:

Salary of first assistants Grammar Schools and assistants Grammar and Primary Schools.

Ordered, That all first assistants in Grammar Schools and all assistants in Grammar and Primary Schools who were receiving the maximum salary of such positions at date of adoption of the new schedule of salaries, June 18, 1896, shall receive the maximum salary of the new schedule; and that all first assistants of Grammar Schools and all assistants in Grammar and Primary Schools not having attained the maximum salary, but on scale of promotion, under the old schedule, shall

receive credit for every year of service under the old schedule.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

The Chair presented the following:

265 LAMARTINE STREET, JAMAICA PLAIN.

Communication from Massachusetts School Suffrage Association; vacancies in principalships of girls' schools to be filled by competent women.

MR. ISAAC F. PAUL, *Chairman of the School Committee of the City of Boston:*

DEAR SIR: At a meeting of the Massachusetts School Suffrage Association on Friday, November 20, it was voted to ask of the School Board that "when a vacancy occurs in the mastership of a girls' school, they will consider the propriety of filling such vacancy by a competent woman."

Please present this at the next meeting of the School Board, as the request of an association which has always worked for the best interests of our school children.

Respectfully yours.

S. A. P. DICKERMAN,
Secretary Massachusetts School Suffrage Association.

Referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following:

Text-book in Latin in Latin Schools.

Ordered, That Greenough and Kittredge's edition of Cæsar be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Text-Books.

Report of Committee on High Schools; communication from Common Council; appropriation for interscholastic trophy. [See pp. 73, 74, 75.]

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 25 — a communication from the Common Council relative to an appropriation for an interscholastic trophy, reported that they have granted a public hearing as suggested, and have given the whole subject careful consideration.

Your committee feel compelled to report adversely on the proposition for two reasons:

First, It is evident that the cost of a suitable trophy would be in the neighborhood of $1,000, and this committee do not feel warranted in urging the expenditure

of that amount for such a purpose in the present condition of the finances available for school purposes.

Second, Your committee feel that they can no better express their views than by quoting from a report of the Board of Supervisors on a similar matter in 1895, when they said, "Prizes are believed to be objectionable, because they afford an unwholesome stimulus to a few, while utterly failing to reach the indifference or the despair of the many; because they beget ungenerous rivalry and jealousies among the schools and among pupils, and because they draw attention away from the true aim of education, which is mental and moral growth and not intellectual activities."

Your committee therefore recommend that it is inexpedient to provide an interscholastic trophy as suggested in the communication referred.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the Common Council.

Mrs. Keller offered the following memorial:

Memorial in honor of the late Charles W. Hill.

In grateful memory of Mr. Charles W. Hill, late principal of the schools in the Bowditch District, we, the School Committee, desire to express and record our appreciation of his strong and beautiful character, and of his eminent service as master of the Comins, Martin, and Bowditch Schools.

We recognize the sound moral principles that guided his life and that made his acts and words of great import to his assistants and pupils; we recall his high ideal of professional duty, his devotion to the moral and intellectual welfare of his pupils, his unwearied zeal, his good judgment, and the love and sympathy which flowed from his heart to every pupil; but, more than all else, we recall and mourn the loss of that celestial power he possessed of strengthening the weak, of refining and elevating the coarse and rude, of planting in the hearts

and lives of his pupils the principles of rectitude and the love of virtue, and of making his school the happy abode of industry, of high endeavor, and of worthy achievement.

We offer our sympathy to the bereaved family, and to the mourning teachers and pupils in the Bowditch District.

Adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Report of Committee on Accounts; employment of additional assistance in physical and chemical laboratory, Evening High School. [See p. 419.]

Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — Oct. 27 — an order relative to the employment of additional assistance in the laboratory of the Evening High School, reported that the following order ought to pass:

Ordered, That the Committee on Evening Schools be authorized to employ such additional assistance in the physical and chemical laboratory of the Evening High School as may be needed, at an expense not exceeding two dollars ($2) per evening.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Accounts; employment of laboratory assistant in Dorchester High School. [See p. 384.]

Mr. Bassett, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 13 — an order relative to the employment of a laboratory assistant in the Dorchester High School, reported that the following order ought to pass:

Ordered, That the head-master of the Dorchester High School be authorized to employ such assistance in the laboratory as may be needed at an expense not exceeding one hundred dollars ($100) per annum.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Salary of Ella L. Burbank.

Mr. Blanchard, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That Ella L. Burbank, first assistant, Grammar School, in the Brimmer District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her rank, to date from Sept. 1, 1896.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Hubbard offered the following:

Ordered, That the naming of the several classes in the Primary and Grammar Schools be so changed that the entering class in the Primary shall be called "First Grade," and so on consecutively to the graduating class in the Grammar School, which shall be "Ninth Grade."

Naming of classes in Grammar and Primary Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Bassett, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following report, with the recommendation that the communication be sent to His Honor the Mayor:

Report of Committee on Accounts; additional appropriation for school expenditures.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ROOMS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE, NOV. 24, 1896.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, *Mayor:*

DEAR SIR: The Committee on Accounts of the School Committee respectfully inform you that the appropriation granted for school purposes, exclusive of new buildings and repairs, alterations, etc., viz., $2,000,000, is insufficient to meet the expenses of the schools to the close of the present financial year.

Under date of Dec. 24, 1895, the School Committee presented an estimate amounting to $2,120,000 which, in their opinion, would be needed for the year's expenditures. The City Council reduced the estimate $120,000, which has proved to be a larger sum than could be saved from the amount requested.

When the estimate was presented, it was thought that $50,000 might be required to adjust and slightly increase the salaries of teachers; but the schedule of salaries adopted called for an increase of less than one-half this amount.

The contract for coal was made at $3.99 per ton, thereby saving nearly $10,000 from the estimate made for this item.

The expenditures for the year will amount to about $45,000 less than the estimate, nearly eighty per cent. of which sum will be saved from the two items as mentioned.

The expenses of the School Committee for eleven months amounted to	$1,899,004 19
The estimated expense for the coming month amounts to	177,190 85
Total estimated expense for the year . . .	$2,076,195 04
Appropriation granted and credits allowed . .	2,002,195 04
Estimated deficit	$74,000 00

The School Committee therefore respectfully request that an additional sum of $74,000 be provided for school expenses for the balance of the current financial year.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, the yeas and nays were ordered on the adoption of the report, and the sending of the same to His Honor the Mayor.

The report was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor, by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Blanchard, Calderwood, Dunn, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Gallivan, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Liebmann, Lowell, McDonald, Paul, Strange, and Wise — 18.

Nays: none.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Adams, Allen, Davison, Fowler, and Wetmore.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 8, 1896.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Hubbard, Strange, and Wetmore.

On motion of Mrs. Ames, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, Nov. 30, 1896.

Communication from Board of Aldermen; removal of trees on Mozart street. [See p. 427.]

Upon the petition of the School Committee for the removal of certain trees on Mozart street, in front of the Lowell School-house, it was voted, that two trees be removed, and that all the others (five in number) be trimmed, at the expense of said School Committee and under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Grounds.

Approved by the Mayor Dec. 2, 1896.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL, Nov. 27, 1896.

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for estate on Allen street, West End. [See p. 445.]

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with Martha G. Bancroft upon the sum of five thousand dollars, as payment for her estate numbered nine on Allen street, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston, May 22, 1896 (recorded same day), upon said Bancroft giving to the city a deed for said estate satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,
J. H. JENKINS,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

The following order took its second reading:

Amendment of Regulations; attendance of pupils of Evening High School. [See p. 452.]

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 329. Strike out the word "three," in the tenth line, and substitute in place thereof the word "two."

Passed.

The following order took its second reading:

Amendment of rules; nomination of instructors. [See pp. 285, 451, 452.]

Ordered, That section 81 of the rules be amended by adding thereto the following words: "No principal and none of the directors mentioned in section 83, and no subordinate instructor, shall be nominated to the Board except in accordance with a recommendation of the Board of Supervisors, in writing, approved by the Superintendent."

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the order was laid on the table.

The following order took its second reading:

Amendment of rules; salaries of instructors in High Schools. [See pp. 452, 453.]

Ordered, That the rules be amended as follows:

Strike out section 119, and substitute in place thereof the following:

SECTION 119. The salaries of the instructors of the several ranks of the Latin and High Schools, except those of head-master, master, junior-master, and assistant principal, shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding nine years, so that the maximum rate shall be reached for the tenth and each subsequent year of service. The salaries of junior-masters shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding eleven years, so that the maximum rate, with the rank of master, shall be reached for the twelfth and each subsequent year of service.

On motion of Mrs. Ames, the order was laid on the table.

The following order took its second reading:

Ordered, That section 83 of the Rules and Regulations be amended by inserting after the words "Director of Drawing," in the tenth line, the words "Director of Music."

Amendment of rules; election of Director of Music and assistants. [See pp. 160, 451.]

Ordered, That section 113 of the Rules and Regulations be amended by striking out the words "Special instructors in music," in the second line, and inserting in place thereof the words, "Director of Music and assistants."

On motion of Mr. Huggan, the orders were recommitted to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following:

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Christopher Gibson District. — Charlotte E. Andrews, assistant, Grammar School, Jan. 1, 1897.

Comins District. — Anna R. McDonald, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Dwight District. — Eva L. Munroe, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Everett District. — Eva G. Reed, assistant, Primary School, Dec. 1, 1896.

Quincy District. — Annie F. Merriam, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Norcross District. — Eleanor J. Cashman, Ann E. Newell, assistants, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Winthrop District. — Mary E. Noonan, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Spectacle Island School. — Frank E. Poole, instructor, Oct. 1, 1896.

Hillside Kindergarten. — Mabel S. Apollonio, principal, Nov. 30, 1896.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Dearborn District. — Anna L. Foster, from Nov. 30, 1896.

Dillaway District. — Harriet E. Ells, from Dec. 2, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Agassiz District. — Georgie F. Drake, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 8, 1896.

Chapman District. — Mary E. Sheridan, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 8, 1896.

Christopher Gibson District. — Joseph T. F. Burrell, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 8, 1896.

Frothingham District. — Mabel B. LeFavor, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 8, 1896.

Hancock District. — Mary J. Ryan, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 1, 1896.

Minot District. — Annie T. McCloskey, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 8, 1896.

Phillips District. — Julia E. Sullivan, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 8, 1896; Katherine C. Coveney, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 4, 1897.

Sherwin District. — Sara M. Baker, Susan L. Mara, assistants, Grammar School; Laura L. Brown, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 8, 1896.

Tileston District. — Mabel M. Anderson, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 8, 1896.

Manual Training Schools. — Sigrid Cederroth, assistant instructor, from Nov. 3, 1896, to Nov. 12, 1896, inclusive.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Christopher Gibson District. — Charlotte E. Andrews, first assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 1, 1897. Election of teachers on probation.

Comins District. — Anna R. McDonald, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Dwight District. — Eva L. Munroe, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Everett District. — Mary S. Murphy, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 1, 1896.

Norcross Dictrict. — Eleanor J. Cashman, Ann E. Newell, first assistants, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Quincy District. — George G. Edwards, sub-master, from Sept. 8, 1896; Annie F. Merriam, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Winthrop District. — Mary E. Noonan, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Schools of Cookery. — Julia T. Crowley, instructor, from Dec. 1, 1896.

Manual Training Schools. — Sigrid Cederroth, assistant instructor, from Dec. 1, 1896.

Kindergartens.

Agassiz School. — Helen B. Foster, assistant, from Dec. 1, 1896.

Cudworth School. — Mabel Lovell, assistant, from Dec. 1, 1896.

Mather School. — Elizabeth A. Belcher, assistant, from Dec. 1, 1896.

North Bennett-street School. — Mary I. Parker, assistant, from Dec. 1, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Bowditch District. — Alice M. Robinson, assistant, Grammar School.

Charles Sumner District. — Alice M. Barton, assistant, Grammar School.

Comins District. — Elinor W. Leavitt, first assistant, Grammar School; Jane E. Gormley, Mary O'Connell, Elizabeth G. Phelps, assistants, Grammar School.

Harris District. — John F. Suckling, sub-master.

Robert G. Shaw District. — Frances R. Newcomb, assistant, Grammar School.

Wells District. — Schassa G. Row, assistant, Primary School.

Kindergartens.

Abby W. May School. — Sarah H. Williams, assistant.

Bailey-street School. — Minnie G. Abbott, principal; Mary B. Pope, assistant.

Cudworth School. — Anita F. Weston, assistant.

Polk-street School. — Bertha Arnold, assistant.

Roxbury-street School. — Kate F. Crosby, assistant.

Unity Chapel. — Isabel B. Trainer, principal.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

EVENING SCHOOL.

Assistant in an Evening School.

Eliot School. — Assistant, Helen M. Cleveland, from Nov. 23, 1896.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

TRANSFERS.

Transfer of teachers.

Hancock District. — Margaret A. Nichols, assistant, Grammar School, to the same position in the Everett District, to date from Dec. 1, 1896.

Kindergartens.

Cudworth School. — H. Maude Marshall, assistant, to the same position in the Charles C. Perkins School, to date from Dec. 1, 1896.

Charles C. Perkins School. — Helen L. Duncklee, assistant, to the same position in the Everett School, to date from Dec. 1, 1896.

Accepted, and the transfers confirmed.

Leaves of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Ida M. Curtis.

Brighton High School. — Ida M. Curtis, assistant, from Jan. 1, 1897, until May 1, 1897; Lucy W. Warren, substitute.

Eva D. Pickering.

Franklin District. — Eva D. Pickering, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 18, 1897, until May 18, 1897.

Anna G. Fillebrown.

Hyde District. — Anna G. Fillebrown, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 1, 1897, until May 1, 1897.

Gertrude P. Davis.

Minot District. — Gertrude P. Davis, first assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 1, 1896, until April 1, 1897; Mary K. Tibbits, substitute.

Kate F. Hobart.

Horace Mann School. — Kate F. Hobart, assistant, from Jan. 1, 1897, until May 1, 1897; Stella M. Weaver, substitute.

Sara K. Savary.

Kettell Building Kindergarten. — Sara K. Savary, assistant, from Dec. 1, 1896, until April 1, 1897; Emma F. Temple, substitute.

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Nominations, offered the following:

Appointment and salary of Martha B. Stephens.

Ordered, That Martha B. Stephens be appointed special teacher of the school on Spectacle Island, on

probation, from Nov. 9, 1896, and that her salary be at the rate of four hundred dollars ($400) per year, payable quarterly, said sum to be in full for all expenses connected with the school, except for books.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Allen, for the same committee, it was

Rank of John F. Eliot.

Ordered, That the rank of John F. Eliot, principal of the East Boston High School, be that of head-master from Jan. 1, 1897.

Report of Committee on Nominations; communication from Massachusetts School Suffrage Association; vacancies in principalships of girls' schools to be filled by competent women. [See p. 456.]

Mr. Allen, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 24 — a petition from the Massachusetts School Suffrage Association, relative to filling vacancies in the principalship of girls' schools by the appointment of competent women, reported that they have taken the matter under careful consideration and are of the opinion that no action is necessary by the Board. They recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Report of Joint Committee on Nominations and Sixth Division; J. Gardner Bassett elected principal Bigelow School.

Mr. Allen, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and Sixth Division, reported the following nomination of a candidate for the position of principal of the Bigelow School:

J. Gardner Bassett, master, from Dec. 1, 1896.

Accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Mr. Davison, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Calderwood a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

Ballot.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 20; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. J. Gardner Bassett had 20 votes, and was accordingly declared elected principal of

the Bigelow School, with the rank of master, to date from Dec. 1, 1896.

Mr. Allen, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and Eighth Division, reported the transfer of Edward W. Schuerch, principal of the Martin School, to the same position in the Bowditch School, to date from Dec. 14, 1896.

Report of Joint Committee on Nominations and Eighth Division; transfer of Edward W. Schuerch.

Mrs. Ames moved that the nomination be recommitted to the Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Calderwood moved as an amendment to Mrs. Ames' motion that the nomination be recommitted to the Joint Committee on Nominations and Eighth Division.

Mr. Calderwood's motion passed, and the nomination was recommitted to the Joint Committee on Nominations and Eighth Division by a vote of 11 to 5.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Ordered, That there be paid to Martha G. Bancroft the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000) as payment for the estate numbered 9 Allen street, taken for school purposes May 22, 1896 (recorded same day), upon the said Bancroft giving to the city a deed for said estate satisfactory to the Law Department.

Purchase of estate on Allen street, West End. [See p. 461.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 10 — an order that the new school-house, Roslindale, at the corner of South and Hewlett streets, be named the James Otis School, reported that this committee do not recommend that said school be named as suggested in the order referred, but on further consideration are of the opinion that the school should be named in honor of Henry W. Longfellow. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Report of Committee on School Houses; naming of school-house, South and Hewlett streets, Roslindale, the James Otis School. [See p. 435.]

Ordered, That the new school-house located at the corner of South and Hewlett streets, Roslindale, be

named the Longfellow School, in honor of Henry W. Longfellow.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rules.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Roger Clap School-house accepted.

Ordered, That the Roger Clap School-house, on Harvest street, Dorchester, be accepted by this Board, subject to the terms and conditions of the contract.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Land for enlargement of Dillaway School-house lot.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, in order to straighten the rear line of the Dillaway School-house lot, on Kenilworth street, Roxbury, a lot of land containing 1,200 square feet, more or less, and belonging to Louis Berenson and Samuel B. Rosenthal.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, offered the following:

Approval of plans and specifications prepared by Lewis H. Bacon for Primary School-house, Aberdeen District.

Ordered, That the plans and specifications for a Primary School-house in the Aberdeen District, prepared by Lewis H. Bacon, Architect, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the said Lewis H. Bacon is hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accordance with said plans and specifications; and the Committee on School Houses is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same in accordance with said plans and specifications, and to make in behalf of this Board the necessary contracts for such work, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

For the information of the Board, the Chair read the following:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, Nov. 30, 1896.

To the Committee on School Houses:

GENTLEMEN: I have this day examined the plans and specifications for a two-room wooden primary school-house to be built on the corner of Chestnut Hill avenue and Chiswick road, Aberdeen District. These plans and specifications have been prepared by Lewis H. Bacon, Architect, 27 School street, Boston, Mass., and are nine in number, consisting of a basement plan; first-floor plan; west elevation; north elevation; south elevation; east elevation; longitudinal section; transverse section; and lot plan with outline of basement wall. All the said plans and the specifications have my approval.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Schools.

The order passed.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Manual Training, presented the following report:

Report of Committee on Manual Training; accommodations for pupils in Mechanic Arts High School-house.

The Committee on Manual Training has reported, from time to time, concerning the different stages in the development of the Mechanic Arts High School as a part of the public school system. At the outset it was important to state the arguments in favor of the establishment of such an institution, and later it became desirable to discuss the difficulties encountered in equipping and organizing the school; but the opportunities which it offers have proved to be so highly prized that it is now necessary to consider the problem of providing increased accommodations.

The lowest class contains more than twice as many pupils as the corresponding class of last year. Its registration is one hundred and fifty-six, a number which tasks to the utmost the shop accommodations available for first-year work. The second class, however, is not large enough to require, throughout the entire day, the equipment designed for second-year work; therefore the pattern-makers' benches and tools are available two hours daily for first-year pupils. This condition will not exist next year. Unless additional equipment for first-year work is provided, it will be impossible to carry forward to the work of the second year more than two-thirds of the pupils who entered the lowest class this year, if an equally large class is received next September. The membership of the present

first-year class has not been increased by abnormal conditions calculated to attract pupils, but the public has learned that the school offers an excellent course of study calculated to fit boys to grapple successfully with the problems of practical life. The choice of those who have entered has been determined solely by the fact that the school offers advantages adapted to their special needs. It is highly probable that a much larger class will seek admission next September, unless public confidence in the ability of the school to meet its obligations to its pupils is again shaken by reports of inadequate accommodations.

In order to provide for a large entering class without crippling the second-year work, it is desirable to transfer the equipment of the turning and pattern-making department to the room directly over the one in which it is now placed, and to furnish the latter with double benches and tools similar to those originally provided for first-year pupils. The two adjacent rooms that now constitute the wood-working department will then be devoted to first-year work, and will accommodate a class of two hundred and sixteen pupils. This arrangement will make it practicable for one instructor to give all the demonstration lessons and superintend the entire shop work of the first year. All necessary aid can be given by an assistant whose salary will be much less than that of the instructor. The plan will also provide adequate accommodations for turning and pattern-making, but the forge shop must be enlarged at no distant day. The original drawings of the City Architect provided for a larger forge shop, and the needed addition can be readily made. It will also be necessary to construct a storage-room for lumber directly over the stock-room of the machine shop. The foregoing plan for increasing the shop accommodations is entirely practicable and will involve only a moderate expenditure.

In the academic department, however, the difficulty is much more serious. Every available class-room is now in use, and only one change can be suggested that will add to the number within the present limits of the building. The large opening between one of the drawing-rooms and the assembly hall can be closed by flexible doors or a movable partition. This hall will then make a satisfactory class-room. But this room now serves a useful purpose for which it is greatly needed, and moreover, the addition of a single class-room will afford no adequate relief.

A careful study of the situation based, upon a conservative estimate of the number of pupils to be accommodated, has convinced this committee that the immediate erection of the wing which was a part of the original plan of the building is imperatively demanded. All

the room in this wing, together with all that can be secured by minor changes in the main building, will be needed next September. The work of the school can no longer be carried on successfully without the scientific laboratories which should be located in this addition. It is important also to consider the advisability of adding another story to the main building. Certain features of its construction indicate that those who planned it contemplated this change in the near future. Experts have been consulted concerning the practicability of this and have given assurance that acceptable plans could easily be made. The four large rooms that would thus be secured would not only be of great value to the day school, but would be admirably adapted to the needs of the evening drawing-school for which new accommodations must be provided next September.

Any fears that may have been aroused concerning the cost of instruction per pupil in the Mechanic Arts High School will soon prove to be groundless. The rate will be greatly reduced during the current year. There are many unavoidable expenses that will not be materially increased by a large addition to the membership of the school, and it is demonstrable that the expense per pupil will steadily diminish. The rate is now much less than the cost of tuition in the Cambridge Manual Training School, the Pratt Institute, or the St. Louis Manual Training School, and these are the only institutions in the country with which a comparison can be fairly made.

It is unnecessary to present arguments in favor of manual training as a factor of secondary education. The period for such discussion has passed. The State has wisely enacted that the larger communities shall support manual training high schools as a part of the public school system, and this committee is concerned merely with the problem of perfecting the excellent work already begun in the Mechanic Arts High School and preparing to meet the rapidly increasing demands of the public.

In view of the conditions outlined in the above report, and the fact that considerable time must be consumed in a careful study of details before work can be commenced, the following order is offered:

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be authorized to prepare plans and specifications for all needed changes in class rooms and equipment of the Mechanic Arts High School, and for the completion of the building according to the original design.

Accepted, and the order referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Report of Committee on Eighth Division; petition of S. B. Stebbins *et als.* relative to mastership of Charles Sumner School. [See p. 438.]

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, to whom was referred — Nov. 10 — the petition of S. B. Stebbins and others relative to the mastership of the Charles Sumner School, reported that the matter has received their attention, and no further action is necessary by the Board. They recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on Examinations, offered the following:

Special certificate issued to Martha B. Stephens to teach on Spectacle Island. Rules suspended.

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be authorized to issue a certificate of qualification, special grade, as teacher of the school on Spectacle Island, to Martha B. Stephens, the certificate to date from Nov. 9, 1896.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Examinations; system of vertical penmanship for use in the schools. [See p. 286.]

Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, who were requested — June 30 — to report to this Board the expediency of authorizing the use of some system of vertical penmanship in the schools, reported that your committee have given this subject their earnest and careful consideration. They are of the opinion that vertical penmanship should be introduced into the schools, and they recommend that the use of some system be authorized by the Board.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Examinations; admission of pupils to Normal School who shall be permitted to take less than two years' course. [See pp. 177, 242, 243.]

Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, to whom was recommitted — June 18 — a report of this committee upon the expediency of admitting to the Boston Normal School pupils, who, without taking the whole course in that school, may be permitted to prepare themselves for teaching special subjects or in particular departments in less than the two years' time required for the whole course, reported that under the present regulations of

the Boston Normal School, graduates from the State Normal Schools, or other institutions which give pedagogical instruction but which do not include in their curriculum instruction in methods of the kindergarten, wishing to take the special course in kindergarten provided in the Boston Normal School must take the full two years' course in order to entitle them to teach in the Boston public schools. Upon further consideration, your committee are of the opinion that pupils should be admitted to the Boston Normal School as suggested in the order referred, and they therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to make such changes in the Regulations as will provide for the admission to the Boston Normal School of pupils who, without taking the whole course in that school, may be permitted to prepare themselves for teaching by the methods of the kindergarten in less than the two years' time required for the whole course.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Adams, for the Committee on the Normal School, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on the Normal School be authorized to report in print.

Committee on Normal School to report in print.

Mr. Wise moved to amend the order by inserting after the word "School" the words "Superintendent and Board of Supervisors."

Mr. Wise's motion passed.

The order as amended passed.

On motion of Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Accounts, it was.

Ordered, That the amount paid by Charles H. Alden, of Quincy, Mass., for tuition from Nov. 9, 1896, to Feb. 1, 1897, of William O. Alden, a non-resident

Abatement of tuition of William O. Alden.

pupil in the Latin School, viz.: twenty-two and $\frac{56}{100}$ dollars ($22.56), be abated, said pupil having left the school Nov. 9, 1896.

Death of Josephine M. Robertson.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on the Third Division, reported the death of Josephine M. Robertson, late assistant, Primary School, in the Hancock District.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, it was

Payment of salary due Josephine M. Robertson.

Ordered, That the salary due Josephine M. Robertson, deceased, late assistant Primary School, in the Hancock District, be paid to Adelaide L. Hilliard.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, it was

Completion of new Bowdoin School-house.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to report at the next meeting of the Board why the new Bowdoin School-house is not ready for occupancy by pupils.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, offered the following:

Reseating of school-house, Chambers street.

Ordered, That the Chambers-street School-house, Wells District, be reseated in accordance with the recommendation of the Director of Physical Training, and that two Welsbach burners be placed upon the gas-fixtures of the room.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, it was

Exceptions to carrying out of regulations relative to instruction by masters.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Schools be requested to report to this Board such exceptions, if any, as should be made to the operation of section 196 of the Regulations, providing that principals shall give an average of at least two hours a day to instruction in their schools, with the reasons for such exceptions.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Text-Books, to whom was referred — Nov. 24 — an order that Greenough and Kittredge's edition of Cæsar be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools, reported that they have given this book careful consideration, and are of the opinion that it should be authorized for use in said schools. The committee learn that the book is published under the title of Allen and Greenough's Cæsar (with vocabulary), and they therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Report of Committee on Text-Books; text-book in Latin for Latin Schools. [See p. 456.]

Ordered, That Allen and Greenough's Cæsar (with vocabulary) be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rules.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, for the Special Committee on the Normal School, it was

Ordered, That the special committee appointed to consider the transfer of the Boston Normal School to the care of the State be authorized to report in print.

Special Committee on Normal School to report in print.

Mr. Gallivan offered the following:

Ordered, That the new Primary School-house, Beech street, Roslindale, be named the Phineas Bates School.

Naming of school-house, Beech street, Roslindale, Phineas Bates School.

Mr. Fowler moved that the rules be suspended so that the order may pass to-night.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Fowler's motion passed, the necessary number voting in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the order.

Yeas and nays.

The order passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, Allen, Anderson, Bassett, Blanchard, Calderwood, Davison, Dunn, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fowler, Gallivan, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Liebmann, McDonald, Paul, and Wise — 18.

Nays: Mrs. Ames and Mr. Lowell — 2.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Hubbard, Strange, and Wetmore.

Mr. Fowler, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, offered the following:

Amendment of rules; four-year course of study in High Schools.

Ordered, That section 281 of the Rules be amended by striking out all following the word "be," in the fifth line, and inserting in place thereof the word "established."

Passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; naming of classes in Grammar and Primary Schools. [See p. 459.]

Mr. Fowler, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 24 — an order relative to a change in the nomenclature of the various classes in the Grammar and Primary Schools reported that they are of the opinion that the change suggested is desirable, but is one that for many considerations should be made only at the beginning of the school year. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That on and after Sept. 1, 1897, the entering class in the Primary School shall be designated as the first class and so on consecutively up to and including the graduating class in the Grammar School, which shall be designated as the ninth class.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the order was laid on the table.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; advance in salary of instructors. [See p. 262.]

Mr. Fowler, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 18 — an order that this committee report such changes in the rules as will provide that no instructors elected on probation, with the exception of those designated as exceptions in section 82, shall be advanced in pay of their grade from the amounts paid upon their election; that upon the confirmation of such instructors they shall advance in their grades for four

years, and shall not further advance until they have been elected on tenure, when they shall be advanced as at present, reported that after careful consideration your committee recommend that it is inexpedient to amend the rules as suggested in the order referred.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mrs. Fifield presented to each member of the Board, a paper-weight made by the pupils of the Mechanic Arts High School.

Gift of paper-weight for each member of Board.

The gift was accepted by the Chair in behalf of the Board.

Mrs. Fifield presented a petition signed by M. L. Healy and ninety-seven others, residents of Dorchester, asking that an evening school be established in Dorchester.

Petition of M. L. Healy *et als.;* establishment of an evening school in Dorchester.

Referred to the Committee on Evening Schools.

The Chair presented a communication from the Central Labor Union relative to a voting contest at present being carried on by the "Boston Globe."

Communication from Central Labor Union relative to voting contest by "Boston Globe."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the vote whereby the order relative to the transfer of appropriations was declared passed at the meeting of the Board held Nov. 24, 1896 (see page 446), was reconsidered.

Order relative to transfer of appropriations amended. [See p. 446.]

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the order was amended by striking out the following item: "Gilbert Stuart School-house lot, grading, $6,000."

The order as amended passed.

The Chair presented a petition signed by James M. Douglass and ninety-five others, relative to the employment of an engineer for the Latin and English High School buildings.

Petition of James M. Douglass *et als.;* employment of engineer for Latin and English High School buildings.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Petition of Women's Christian Temperance Union; Kindergarten located in Warrenton-street Chapel.

The Chair presented a petition from the Women's Christian Temperance Union, relative to the Kindergarten located in the Warrenton-street Chapel.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Opinion of Corporation Counsel relative to schools of South Boston being included among those who are benefited by Gibson and Bowdoin, Dorchester, School Funds.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, it was

Ordered, That the opinion of the Corporation Counsel be requested as to whether the schools in the South Boston District should not be included among those that are now benefited by the income of the Gibson School Fund, which fund was created under the will of Christopher Gibson, about 1674, "for the promotion of learning in the town of Dorchester," and also the Bowdoin, Dorchester, School Fund, conveyed to the inhabitants of the town of Dorchester, by Gov. James Bowdoin, the income to be expended by the School Committee for the benefit of the public schools in that part of Boston called Dorchester, inasmuch as South Boston was, until a comparatively recent date, a portion of the town of Dorchester.

Secret session.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the doors were closed.

On motion of Mr. Blanchard, the doors were opened.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 22, 1896.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the records of the last meeting were amended on page 467, by striking out the transfer from the Cudworth Kindergarten to the Charles C. Perkins Kindergarten of H. Maude Marshall.

Records amended.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the reading of the records was omitted, the board approving them as printed, as amended.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, Dec. 7, 1896.

Communication from City Council; appropriation for school expenses.

Ordered, That in addition to the appropriation already made for the expenses of the School Committee for the current financial year the further sum of seventy-four thousand dollars ($74,000) be hereby appropriated from the unexpended income on hand February 1st of the current year.

Passed. Yeas, 12. Sent down for concurrence. December 17, came up concurred. Yeas, 58; nays, none.

Approved by the Mayor Dec. 18, 1896.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

CITY OF BOSTON.
STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, CITY HALL, Dec. 22, 1896.

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for land taken on Elm street, Charlestown,

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

In accordance with the request in your order dated Oct. 27, 1896, the Board of Street Commissioners have this day Voted: To pur-

for school purposes. [See pp. 402, 403.]

chase for the city of Boston, for school purposes, by virtue of the authority conferred on this Board by chapter 408 of the Acts of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of the year 1895, and in part execution of such authority, of William H. Hayes, for the sum of twenty-six thousand three hundred and twelve dollars, the following-named estates, viz.: premises situated and numbered two and three on Howard place, premises situated and numbered seventeen on Elm street, nineteen on Elm street, and twenty-one on Elm street, in that part of Boston formerly Charlestown, upon the said Hayes giving to the city of Boston a deed for said estates satisfactory to the Law Department.

And have also Voted: To purchase for the city of Boston, for school purposes, by virtue of the authority conferred on this Board by chapter 408 of the Acts of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of the year 1895, and in part execution of such authority, of Thomas F. McManus, for the sum of nine thousand five hundred dollars, the following-named estate, viz.: premises situated and numbered twenty-three on Elm street, in that part of Boston formerly Charlestown, upon the said McManus giving to the city of Boston a deed for said estate satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,

Secretary.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Board of Street Commissioners; award for land taken at West End. [See p. 469.]

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, CITY HALL, Dec. 11, 1896.

To the Honorable the School Committee of the City of Boston:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with Ada Cohen upon the sum of seven thousand dollars, as payment for part of her estate numbered eleven on Allen street, taken for school purposes by the city of Boston, May 22, 1896 (recorded same day), upon said Cohen giving to the city a deed for the same satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS,

Secretary.

Placed on file.

The following order took its second reading:

Amendment of rules; four-year course of

Ordered, That section 281 of the Rules be amended by striking out all following the word "be," in the fifth

line, and inserting in place thereof the word "established." Study in High Schools. [See p. 478.]

Passed.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Agassiz District. — Caroline D. Putnam, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896. Resignations of teachers.

Bowditch District. — Anna M. Call, assistant, Primary School, Jan. 1, 1897; Margaret E. Winton, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Bunker Hill District. — Elizabeth B. Norton, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Charles Sumner District. — Katharine M. Conlahan, Anna M. Leach, assistants, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Dudley District. — Helen P. Hall, Alice L. Williams, assistants, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Everett District. — Eliza C. Gould, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Franklin District. — Harriet M. Faxon, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Harvard District. — Frances A. Foster, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Mary H. Finley, assistant, Grammar School, Sept. 1, 1896.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Emily M. Pevear, Elizabeth R. Wallis, assistants, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Hyde District. — Anna G. Fillebrown, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Lowell District. — Caroline F. Cutler, Flora J. Perry, assistants, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Lyman District. — Mabel F. Wilkins, assistant, Grammar School, Jan. 1, 1897.

Shurtleff District. — Lucy A. Dunham, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Everett District. — Harriet E. Ells, from Dec. 1, 1896, to Dec. 4, 1896, inclusive; Agnes G. Tarpey, from Dec. 7, 1896.

Hancock District. — Evelyn M. Pearce, from Nov. 16, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Girls' High School. — Mary H. Shed, assistant, from Dec. 28, 1896.

Mechanic Arts High School. — Harry W. Whittemore, junior-master, from Dec. 30, 1896.

Adams District. — Leonora E. Scolley, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 8, 1896.

Bennett District. — Martha A. Sawyer, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 4, 1897.

Charles Sumner District. — Harriet E. Thing, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 8, 1896.

Dearborn District. — Elizabeth B. McKeon, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 14, 1897.

Dudley District. — Elizabeth C. Mulloney, assistant, Grammar School, from Nov. 13,1896, to Dec. 15, 1896, inclusive; Sarah Kallman, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 16, 1896.

Franklin District. — Emma F. Luker, assistant. Primary School, from Dec. 8, 1896.

Hancock District.— Ella A. Curtis, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 1, 1896.

Lyman District. — Mary A. Duston, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 18, 1897; Mary F. Moore, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 22, 1897; Lucy M. Goodwin, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 17, 1896.

Prescott District.—Mary E. Kent, assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 8, 1896.

Prince District. — Florence M. Winslow, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 4, 1897.

Wells District. — Mary V. Prendergast, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 17, 1896.

Thomas N. Hart Kindergarten. — Frances A. Green, assistant, from Nov. 30, 1896, to Dec. 4, 1896, inclusive; Alice R. Eliot, assistant, from Dec. 7, 1896, to Dec. 11, 1896, inclusive.

Schools of Cookery. — Annie G. Furlong, instructor, from Jan. 4, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Latin School. — William P. Henderson, junior-master, from Jan. 4, 1897.

Roxbury High School. — Jennie R. Ware, assistant principal, from Jan. 1, 1897.

Adams District. — Helen L. Dennison, assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Agassiz District. — Caroline D. Putnam, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Bigelow District. — Carroll M. Austin, sub-master, from Jan. 4, 1897.

Bowditch District. — Margaret E. Winton, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896; Martha T. Howes, assistant, Primary School, second year, from Jan. 4, 1897.

Bunker Hill District. — Elizabeth B. Norton, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Chapman District. — Mary E. Sheridan, assistant, Primary School, second year, from Sept. 8, 1896.

Charles Sumner District. — Katharine M. Coulahan, Anna M. Leach, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Christopher Gibson District.—Edith M. Keith, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Jan. 4, 1897.

Dudley District. — Catharine M. McGinley, assistant, Grammar School, third year, Adah F. Whitney, assistant, Grammar School, third year, from Jan. 4, 1897; Helen P. Hall, Alice L. Williams, first assistants, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Everett District. — Eliza C. Gould, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Franklin District. — Harriet M. Faxon, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Hancock District. — Mary R. Thomas, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, Mary G. Mahar, Mary F. Malone, assistants, Primary School, from Dec. 1, 1896.

Harvard District. — Frances A. Foster, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Emily M. Pevear, Elizabeth R. Wallis, first assistants, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Hyde District. — Anna G. Fillebrown, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Lowell District. — Caroline F. Cutler, Flora J. Perry, first assistants, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Mather District. — Arthur A. Lincoln, sub-master, from Jan. 4, 1897.

Shurtleff District. — Lucy A. Dunham, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Wells District. — Hope J. Kirby, first assistant, Grammar School, from Dec. 7, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Lincoln District. — Hattie E. Sargent, Josephine A. Simonton, assistants, Grammar School; Helen M. Canning, assistant, Primary School.

Martin District. — Emma E. Lawrence, assistant, Grammar School.

Manual Training Schools. — Edla M. Petersson, assistant instructor.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Assistants in Evening Schools.

Bigelow School. — Assistant, Margaret M. Burton, from Dec. 1, 1896.

Franklin School. — Assistant, Laura C. Browning, from Nov. 6, 1896.

Wells School. — Assistants, Elizabeth M. Shine, from Oct. 12, 1896; Annie A. Doran, Fanny L. Rogers, from Oct. 21, 1896; Alice M. Crowell, from Nov. 4, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

TRANSFERS.

Transfer of teachers.

Hancock District. — Annie M. Niland, assistant, Primary School, to the position of assistant, Grammar School, in the same district, to date from Dec. 1, 1896.

Harris District. — John F. Suckling, sub-master,

to the same position in the Sherwin District, to date from Jan. 1, 1897.

Sherwin District. — Frederic L. Owen, sub-master, to the same position in the Harris District, to date from Jan. 1, 1897.

Cudworth Kindergarten. — Maude P. Marshall, assistant, on probation, to the same position, on probation, in the Charles C. Perkins Kindergarten, to date from Dec. 1, 1896.

Accepted, and the transfers confirmed.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board:

Laura S. Plummer.

Normal School. — Laura S. Plummer, assistant, from Dec. 1, 1896, until March 1, 1897; Almira I. Higgins, substitute.

Annie L. Bennett.

Dillaway District. — Annie L. Bennett, first assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 1, 1897, until May 1, 1897; Helen Chandler, substitute.

Eliza Brown.

Eliza Brown, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 1, 1897, until May 1, 1897.

Sarah M. Brown.

Lawrence District. — Sarah M. Brown, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 1, 1896, until March 1, 1897; Martha J. Krey, substitute.

Luthera W. Bird.

Prince District. — Luthera W. Bird, assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 1, 1897, until April 1, 1897; Abbie E. Wilson, substitute.

Grace D. Bachelder.

Schools of Cookery. — Grace D. Bachelder, instructor, from Jan. 1, 1897, until April 1, 1897.

Sarah J. Bray.

Instructor of Sewing. — Sarah J. Bray, from Nov. 19, 1896, until Jan. 1, 1897; Margaret McDonald, substitute.

Mr. Strange, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and Eighth Division, reported the transfer of Edward W. Schuerch, principal of the Martin School, to the same position in the Bowditch School, to date from Dec. 14, 1896.

Report of Joint Committee on Nominations and Eighth Division; transfer of Edward W. Schuerch.

Mrs. Ames moved that the report be laid on the table.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of Mrs. Ames' motion.

Yeas and nays.

Mrs. Ames' motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Blanchard, Davison, Eaton, Hubbard, Huggan, Liebmann, Lowell, McDonald, Wetmore, and Wise — 12.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, Anderson, Bassett, Calderwood, Dunn, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fowler, Gallivan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Paul and Strange — 11.

Mrs. Ames moved that the Board proceed to ballot for principal of the Bowditch School.

Mrs. Keller moved that the doors be closed.

Lost.

Mr. Allen moved that Mrs. Ames' motion be laid on the table temporarily.

Lost.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, Supervisor Peterson was asked to give his views regarding the matter on which the Board is to take action.

Supervisor Peterson spoke as follows:

I could not express what I would like to express in the presence of some of the audience, and therefore I feel I should do an injustice to myself as well as the question if I should attempt to discuss it as I would like to discuss it. I can present one part of it, but the other part I should have to refrain from presenting in consequence of some personal matters which ought not to be expressed.

Secret session.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the vote whereby the Board declared the motion to close the doors lost was reconsidered, and the motion passed.

The Chair stated that the question was on the passage of Mrs. Ames' motion that the Board proceed to ballot.

Mrs. Ames' motion passed.

The Chair appointed Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Eaton and Hubbard a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

At the end of the fourth ballot, on motion of Mr. Calderwood, a recess of five minutes was taken.

The Board reassembled.

The results of the several ballots were as follows:

Ballot.

	1st Ballot.	2d Ballot.	3d Ballot.	4th Ballot.	5th Ballot.	6th Ballot.
Whole number of votes . . .	23	23	23	23	23	23
Necessary for a choice . . .	13	13	13	13	13	13
Edward W. Schuerch	10	12	11	12	12	15
Edward P. Sherburne . . .	4	4	6	7	6	3
Amy Hutchins	9	7	6	4	5	5

On the sixth ballot Edward W. Schuerch, having received the necessary number of votes, was declared transferred from the position of principal of the Martin School to the same position in the Bowditch School, to date from Dec. 23, 1896.

On motion of Mr. Fowler, the Board took a recess of five minutes.

The Board reassembled.

Majority and minority reports of Joint Committee on Nominations and Seventh Division; candidates for position of principal of Martin School.

Mr. Strange, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and Seventh Division, reported the following nomination of a candidate for the position of principal of the Martin School:

Edward P. Sherburne, master, from Dec. 23, 1896.

Mr. Strange also presented a minority report of the Joint Committee on Nominations and Seventh Division

nominating the following candidate for the position of principal of the Martin School:

E. Emmons Grover, master, from Dec. 23, 1896.

The reports were accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot. Ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Fowler, Gallivan, and Mrs. Keller a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 23; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. E. Emmons Grover had 5 votes; Edward P. Sherburne had 18 votes, and was accordingly declared elected principal of the Martin School, with the rank of master, to date from Dec. 23, 1896. Edward P. Sherburne elected principal of Martin School.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the doors were opened.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, it was

Ordered, That the rank of Hiram M. George, principal of the Tileston School, be that of master, from Jan. 1, 1897. Rank of Hiram M. George.

Mr. Allen offered the following:

Ordered, That section 239 of the Regulations be amended as follows: Amendment of Regulations relative to holidays.

SECTION 239. Insert after the words "remainder of the week," in the fourth line, the following words: "the half day before Christmas day."

On motion of Mr. Allen, the rules were suspended, the order read twice, and passed. Rules suspended.

Mr. Allen, for the Joint Committee on Accounts and Supplies, presented the following estimates of expenses for the financial year commencing Feb. 1, 1897, and ending Jan. 31, 1898, exclusive of the expenses for the Estimates for 1897–98.

building of school-houses, and asked that the same be approved by the Board, and transmitted to the Auditor:

SCHOOLS.

Estimates, 1897–98.

School Committee,
Office of Accounts, Dec. 22, 1896.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, *Mayor:*

Dear Sir: The Committee on Accounts of the School Committee herewith transmit to you estimates of the amount which will be required to meet the expenses of the public schools for the financial year commencing on the first day of February, 1897, and ending Jan. 31, 1898, exclusive of the expenses for the building of school-houses.

Very respectfully yours,

WILLARD S. ALLEN,
Chairman Committee on Accounts, School Committee.

SALARIES OF INSTRUCTORS.

Normal School.

1	Head-master	at $3,780	$3,780	
1	Sub-master	2,592	2,592	
2	Assistants	1,620	3,240	
2	"	1,500	3,000	
1	Assistant	1,440	1,440	
2	Assistants	1,320	2,640	
2	"	1,200	2,400	
1	Special Assistant	1,380	1,380	
1	Clerical "	520	520	
				$20,992

LATIN AND HIGH SCHOOLS.

First Grade.

6	Head-masters	at $3,780	$22,680	
3	Masters	3,348	10,044	
25	"	2,964	74,100	
3	Junior-masters	2,772	8,316	
4	"	2,628	10,512	
2	"	2,448	4,896	
	Carried forward,		$130,548	$20,992

Brought forward,		$130,548	$20,992
5 Junior-masters . . .	at $2,340	11,700	
3 " . . .	2,196	6,588	
5 " . . .	2,052	10,260	
4 " . . .	1,908	7,632	
2 " . . .	1,764	3,528	
4 " . . .	1,620	6,480	
1 Clerical Assistant . . .	500	500	
		———	177,236
Third Grade.			
1 Assistant Principal . .	at $2,040	$2,040	
1 Assistant	1,620	1,620	
23 Assistants	1,428	32,844	
4 "	1,332	5,328	
6 "	1,260	7,560	
11 "	1,188	13,068	
6 "	1,116	6,696	
24 "	1,044	25,056	
3 "	972	2,916	
		———	97,128
Mechanic Arts High School.			
1 Head-master . . .	at $3,780	$3,780	
1 Junior-master . . .	2,628	2,628	
2 Junior-masters . . .	2,484	4,968	
1 Junior-master . . .	1,476	1,476	
1 Instructor in Metal-working,	2,160	2,160	
1 Instructor	2,100	2,100	
2 Instructors	1,980	3,960	
2 "	1,860	3,720	
1 Assistant Instructor . .	1,188	1,188	
		———	25,980
GRAMMAR AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS.			
Second Grade.			
53 Masters	at $2,988	$158,364	
3 "	2,700	8,100	
4 Sub-masters . . .	2,460	9,840	
11 "	2,340	25,740	
10 "	2,220	22,200	
6 "	2,100	12,600	
15 "	1,980	29,700	
4 "	1,860	7,440	
Carried forward,		$273,984	$321,336

Brought forward,		$273,984	$321,336
3 Sub-masters . . .	at $1,740	5,220	
3 "	1,620	4,860	
2 "	1,500	3,000	
			287,064

Fourth Grade.

1 First Assistant, Grammar	at $1,212	$1,212	
75 " Assistants " .	1,128	84,600	
5 " " " .	1,080	5,400	
2 " " " .	1,068	2,136	
2 " " " .	1,020	2,040	
3 " " " .	972	2,916	
96 Assistants, Grammar .	856	82,176	
293 " " . .	808	236,744	
43 " " . .	744	31,992	
31 " " . .	696	21,576	
28 " " . .	648	18,144	
38 " " . .	600	22,800	
28 " " . .	552	15,456	
50 First Assistants, Primary .	984	49,200	
19 Assistants, Primary . .	840	15,960	
282 " " . .	808	227,856	
32 " " . .	744	23,808	
40 " " . .	696	27,840	
32 " " . .	648	20,736	
44 " " . .	600	26,400	
20 " " . .	552	11,040	
24 Temporary Teachers, 100 days		4,800	
20 Special Assistants, 100 days . .		3,000	
			937,832

Manual Training Schools.

1 Principal	at $2,508	$2,508	
Carpentry — 16 Assistants .	964	15,424	
2 " . .	852	1,704	
1 Assistant .	804	804	
1 " .	450	450	
Cookery, 1 Principal . .	1,500	1,500	
5 Instructors . .	808	4,040	
3 " . .	744	2,232	
2 " . .	696	1,392	
Carried forward,		$30,054	$1,546,232

Brought forward,	$30,054	$1,546,232
Cookery, 4 Instructors . . at $600	2,400	
2 " . . 552	1,104	
Sewing, 35 Instructors, 324 Divisions .	23,264	
	——	56,822
Special Grade.		
School on Spectacle Island:		
Instructor		400
High Schools:		
3 Assistants in Modern Languages		4,500
Horace Mann School:		
1 Principal	$2,880	
1 Assistant Principal	1,308	
12 Assistants	11,316	
	——	15,504
Music:		
1 Instructor, High Schools . . .	$2,640	
4 Assistants, Grammar Schools . .	10,560	
4 " Primary Schools . .	3,552	
	——	16,752
Drawing:		
Director	$3,000	
Assistant Director	2,508	
Master Evening Drawing Schools . .	1,200	
	——	6,708
Chemistry:		
Girls' High, 1 Instructor . . .	$1,620	
" " 1 Laboratory Assistant .	804	
Roxbury High, 1 Laboratory Assistant .	804	
	——	3,228
Physical Training:		
Director	$3,000	
Assistant	2,280	
	——	5,280
Vocal and Physical Training:		
Girls' High, 1 Instructor . . .	$1,200	
Roxbury High, 1 Instructor . . .	1,200	
Charlestown High, 1 Instructor . .	972	
Girls' Latin, East Boston High } 1 Instructor . .	900	
	——	4,272
Military Drill:		
Instructor	$2,000	
Armorer	1,050	
	——	3,050
Carried forward,		$1,662,748

Brought forward,			$1,662,748
Evening High School:			
Head-master, 22 weeks		$1,100	
2 Assistants in charge, 66 evenings		660	
35 Assistants, 22 weeks		15,400	
Clerk		330	
			17,490
Evening Elementary Schools:			
10 Principals, 22 weeks		$5,500	
12 First Assistants, 22 weeks		3,300	
107 Assistants, 22 weeks		23,540	
			32,340
Evening Drawing Schools:			
2 Masters, 66 evenings		$1,320	
3 Principals, 66 evenings		1,584	
18 Assistants, 66 evenings		7,128	
5 Assistants, 66 evenings		1,650	
5 Curators		660	
			12,342
Kindergartens:			
Director		$2,880	
45 Principals	at $760	34,200	
5 "	744	3,720	
9 "	696	6,264	
3 "	648	1,944	
2 "	600	1,200	
16 Assistants	592	9,472	
6 "	576	3,456	
6 "	528	3,168	
19 "	480	9,120	
8 "	432	3,456	
Special Assistant Service		200	
			79,080
Total for Instructors			$1,804,000

SALARIES OF OFFICERS.

Superintendent	$4,200
Six Supervisors at $3,780	22,680
Secretary	3,000
Auditing Clerk	3,300
Assistants in offices, School Department	8,012
Copyist	1,008
Messengers	3,000
Eighteen Truant Officers	23,900
Total for Officers	$69,100

SALARIES OF JANITORS.

Janitors of 11 High Schools	$18,000
" " 56 Grammar Schools	58,000
" " 117 Primary Schools	50,500
" " 29 Special and Evening Schools	7,200
" " School Committee Rooms	2,300
Additional for washing floors, etc.	3,000
Total for Janitors	$139,000

FUEL, GAS, AND WATER.

15,600 tons of coal at $4.65 (including weighing)	$72,540
250 cords of wood (including splitting and housing)	3,000
Gas and electric lighting	7,200
Water	8,260
Total for Fuel, Gas, and Water	$91,000

SUPPLIES AND INCIDENTALS.

Text-books, Reference books, Exchange of books	$52,000
Books for supplementary reading	7,000
Annual festival	2,700
Globes, maps, and charts	3,500
Music expenses: instruments, repairs, and covers	2,800
Printing and stock used for same, including reports of School Committee meetings	7,600
Philosophical, chemical, and mathematical apparatus and supplies	4,800
School census	1,600
Stationery, drawing materials, and record-books	26,000
Diplomas, blackboard erasers, etc.	2,600
Advertising	500
Military drill: arms, repairs, and expenses of annual parade	1,200
Removing ashes from school-houses and snow from yards	2,000
Flags for school-houses	750
Janitors and other supplies	5,300
Supplies for manual training	7,000
Materials for Kindergartens, including maid service	3,250
Carried forward,	$130,600

Brought forward,	$130,600
Cost of work for delivering supplies, including salaries, expenses of teaming, repairing apparatus, etc.	7,400
Tuition Boston pupils in Brookline schools	600
Car and ferry tickets, Horace Mann School (refunded by State)	2,600
Travelling expenses of Truant Officers	500
Materials for study of Natural History, including stereopticon slides	1,000
Horse and carriage expenses, carriage-hire, and refreshments	1,200
Miscellaneous, including sewing materials, teaming, extra labor, postage, car and ferry tickets, receiving coal, extra clerk-hire, and sundry items	3,000
Total for Supplies and Incidentals	$146,900

RECAPITULATION.

Salaries of Instructors	$1,804,000
Salaries of Officers	69,100
Salaries of Janitors	139,000
Fuel, Gas, and Water	91,000
Supplies and Incidentals	146,900
Total	$2,250,000

INCOME.

Non-residents, Trust Funds and other sources	$40,000

The expenditures of the School Committee, exclusive of new buildings, and repairs, alterations, etc., for the present financial year will amount to about $2,075,000. For the coming year to cover the same items the sum of $2,250,000 is requested, an increase of $175,000.

The amount estimated for salaries of instructors (which covers more than 80 per cent. of the total expenditure) is $1,804,000, an increase of about $141,000 over the cost for the present year. Of this amount about $85,000 will be needed to meet the new schedule of salaries which began September 1, 1896, and the balance for the natural increase in this item occasioned by the yearly increase in the number of pupils.

The estimate for salaries of officers calls for about $3,000 increase, occasioned by a slight increase in the salaries of truant-officers and the appointment of an additional officer.

On account of the newer and more complicated systems of heating and ventilation, many of the lately acquired school buildings require a higher grade of janitor service as well as increased labor, which must be met with a compensation corresponding. This fact, in addition to the natural increase in school accommodations accounts for the increase of $7,500 needed for salaries of janitors.

The School Board made their contract for supplying coal the present year at a low price; but, from the best sources of information attainable, it is believed that the estimate herein submitted, viz., $72,540 for furnishing, weighing, and housing 15,600 tons of coal will not prove excessive. The three items included in this appropriation, viz., fuel, gas, and water, will, it is estimated, require about $9,000 more than the amount expended the present year.

Concerning supplies and incidentals, it is estimated that about $15,000 will be required in 1897–98 beyond the expenditures for the present year. The schools are continually growing in many directions and require both new and varied material. As an illustration it costs as much to supply the boys in the manual training classes with lumber alone as it does with books. The substitution of paper and pencils for slates a year or two ago has added more than 50 per cent. to the cost for stationery.

The School Committee employ at the present time a force of about 2,300 persons whose salaries call for about 90 per cent. of the appropriation requested; of the remaining 10 per cent., 4 per cent. is charged to fuel and 6 per cent. to supplies and incidental expenditures necessary to carry on the schools.

The increase over the expenditures for the present year will no doubt be needed mainly in the items as above specified; and it is believed that the explanations submitted will tend to show that the entire estimates have been carefully and conservatively prepared and should be granted.

Of late years the estimate for repairs and alteration of school-houses has been granted under the appropriation "Public Buildings, Schools." The estimate for the coming year, in detail, is as follows:

SCHOOL–HOUSES, REPAIRS, ETC.

Rents and taxes	$20,000
New heating apparatus and repairs of old	30,000
Gas-fitting	12,000
Carried forward,	$62,000

Brought forward,	$62,000
Plumbing	15.000
Mason work and stock	25,000
Plastering and whitening	10,000
Painting and glazing	22.000
New furniture and repairs of old	40,000
Carpentry and stock	30,000
Roofing and gutters	10,000
Blackboards	5,000
Salaries	6,000
Iron and wire work	3,000
Cartage	2,500
Auxiliary Fire Alarm, rentals, and repairs	3,500
Electric-light fixtures	4,000
Locks and bells	3,000
Fire-escapes and repairs	1,500
Board and shoeing of horses	1,200
Paving and sewer assessments	1,800
Gymnasium apparatus	2,000
Disinfectants	500
Cleaning vaults	800
Miscellaneous	1,200
Total	$250,000

While it is true that painting and whitewashing might in some instances be delayed, it is believed that the amount requested is none too large to keep the buildings in a healthful and proper condition for their occupants.

The committees having charge of the preparation of these estimates have endeavored to furnish them in detail as completely as possible. In their opinion the total amount requested, viz., $2,500,000 is needed for the ordinary expenses of our schools as indicated in the estimates herein presented.

For the Committee on Accounts,

WILLARD S. ALLEN,
Chairman.

For the Committee on Supplies,

SAMUEL H. WISE,
Chairman.

The Chair stated that under the rules the estimates required a two-thirds yea and nay vote for approval.

The estimates were unanimously approved by the following vote:

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, Allen, Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Anderson, Bassett, Blanchard, Calderwood, Davison, Dunn, Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fowler, Gallivan, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Liebmann, Lowell, McDonald, Paul, Strange, and Wise — 22.

Nays: None.

Absent or not voting: Mr. Wetmore.

Report of Committee on Drawing; salary of Henry Hitchings. [See pp. 434, 448, 449.]

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Drawing, to whom was recommitted — Nov. 24 — at the suggestion of the Committee on Salaries, an order for the payment to Henry Hitchings of a salary for extra services to the Director of Drawing, reported that your committee recognize the objections raised by the Committee on Salaries to the form of the order first presented to the Board, and with the concurrence of the Committee on Salaries recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That an additional assistant be allowed to the Director of Drawing, and that Henry Hitchings be elected assistant to the Director of Drawing, at a salary of eight hundred dollars ($800) per year, to date from Oct. 27, 1896.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Hubbard offered the following:

Offices of School Committee closed on Saturday, Dec. 26, 1896.

Ordered, That the offices of the School Committee be closed on Saturday, Dec. 26, 1896.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, the following order was taken from the table:

Text-book in Latin for Latin Schools. [See pp. 456, 477.]

Ordered, That Allen & Greenough's Cæsar (with vocabulary) be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

The order passed, 21 members voting in the affirmative.

Adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Adams, it was

Voted, That when this Board adjourn it be to meet on Monday, Jan. 4, 1897, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M.

On motion of Mr. Adams, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 4, 1897.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Anderson, McDonald, and Wetmore.

On motion of Mr. Wise, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following:

Communication from Superintendent of Public Buildings; acceptance of Genesee-street School-house.

CITY OF BOSTON.
PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL,
BOSTON, Jan. 4, 1897.

MR. ISAAC F. PAUL, *President of the School Committee:*

DEAR SIR: I have this day accepted, on behalf of the city of Boston, the Genesee-street School-house, subject to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Yours truly,

FRED B. BOGAN,
Superintendent of Public Buildings.

Placed on file.

The following order took its second reading:

Naming of school-house, South and Hewlett streets, Roslindale, the Longfellow School. [See pp. 435, 469, 470.]

Ordered, That the new school-house located at the corner of South and Hewlett streets, Roslindale, be named the Longfellow School, in honor of Henry W. Longfellow.

Passed, 14 members voting in the affirmative.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following:

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Normal School. — Sally Fairchild, teacher of songs and games, Sept. 1, 1896.

Roxbury High School. — Jennie R. Ware, assistant, Jan. 1, 1897.

Lowell District. — Edward P. Sherburne, sub-master, Dec. 23, 1896; Edward J. Cox, assistant, Grammar School, Jan. 4, 1897.

Roger Clap District. — Agnes G. Wright, assistant, Primary School, Dec. 31, 1896.

Sherwin District. — Emma L. Peterson, assistant, Primary School, Nov. 2, 1896.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Roxbury High School. — Grace E. H. Casey, assistant, from Jan. 12, 1897.

Lincoln District. — Rachel W. Washburn, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 23, 1896.

Thomas N. Hart District. — M. Edna Cherrington, assistant, Primary School, from Dec. 21, 1896.

Warren District. — Mary L. Long, first assistant, Grammar School, from Jan. 4, 1897.

Thomas N. Hart Kindergarten. — Alice R. Eliot, assistant, from Jan. 4, 1897.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Lowell District. — Edward J. Cox, sub-master, Alice A. Batchelor, assistant, Grammar School, fourth year, from Jan. 4, 1897.

Sherwin District. — Emma L. Peterson, first assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 2, 1896.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Ella F. Carr, assistant, Grammar School.

John A. Andrew District. — Roxanna L. Johnston, assistant, Primary School.

Lowell District. — Jessie K. Hampton, assistant, Primary School.

Manual Training Schools. — Frank Carter, Florence P. Donelson, Alice L. Lanman, Mary J. Marlow, assistant instructors.

Accepted, and the teachers confirmed.

TRANSFERS.

Transfer of teachers.

Edward Everett District. — Caroline D. Bere, Mary G. Ellis, Cora L. Etheridge, assistants, Primary School, to the same position in the Roger Clap District; Charlotte K. Holmes, assistant, Primary School, on probation to the same position, on probation, in the Roger Clap District, to date from Dec. 1, 1896.

Washington Allston District. — Helen E. Raymond, assistant, Grammar School, on probation, to the position of assistant, Primary School, on probation, in the same district; Mabel A. Spooner, assistant, Primary School, on probation, to the position of assistant, Grammar School, on probation, in the same district, to date from Dec. 1, 1896.

Accepted, and the transfers confirmed.

Election of principals of Evening Schools.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, nominated for election the following-named principals of Evening Schools for the term 1896–97; the term of service of the principals herein nominated to date from Jan. 4, 1897.

Lyman School. — Henry H. Folsom.

Mather School. — Orris L. Beverage.

Washington Allston School. — John A. Brett.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Mr. Strange, Mrs. Fifield, and

Mr. Bassett a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 17; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13.

Lyman School. — Henry H. Folsom had 17 votes.

Mather School. — Orris L. Beverage had 17 votes.

Washington Allston School. — John A. Brett had 17 votes.

Principals of Evening Schools elected.

The several principals of Evening Schools, nominated by the committee, having received the necessary number of votes, were accordingly declared elected principals of the designated Evening Schools.

Leaves of absence to teachers; substitute approved.

On the report of the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitute named was approved by the Board:

E. Louise Brown.

Christopher Gibson District. — E. Louise Brown, first assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 18, 1897, until April 18, 1897.

Mary E. Nason.

Dearborn District. — Mary E. Nason, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 4, 1897, until May 4, 1897.

Josephine A. Ayer.

Lyman District. — Josephine A. Ayer, assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 1, 1897, until April 1, 1897; Lucy M. Goodwin, substitute.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Nominations, offered the following:

Extended leave of absence without pay to E. Isabelle Bense.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence without pay be granted to E. Isabelle Bense, assistant, Primary School, in the Prince District, from Jan. 1, 1897, until April 1, 1897.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That Ellen M. Murphy, first assistant, Grammar School, in the Lewis District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her rank, to date from Sept. 8, 1896. Salary of Ellen M. Murphy.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That Elizabeth Swords, first assistant, Grammar School, in the Warren District, be granted leave of absence, without pay, from Jan. 1, 1897, until July 1, 1897. Leave of absence without pay to Elizabeth Swords.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Ordered, That of the $500,000 allowed under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, last year, the sum of $300 be appropriated for new Grammar School-house, Harris District, additional. Appropriation for new Grammar School-house, Harris District.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That from the various sums appropriated for purposes named out of the amount granted the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following transfers be made to the appropriation, new Grammar School-house, Harris District, additional, the same being unexpended balances not required for the purposes for which they were originally appropriated: Transfer of appropriations.

Lewis School-house, alterations . .	$173 55
Rice Training School, alterations . .	60 13
Edward Everett School-house, grading of lot and erection of wall . . .	340 69
Hancock School, enlargement of lot .	3,000 00
Dorchester High School, site . .	6,000 00
Brighton High School-house lot, grading,	1,265 96
	$10,840 33

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Transfer of appropriations.

Ordered, That from the sum appropriated for small wooden buildings out of the amount granted the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following transfers be made:

Small wooden building in yard of Chapman School-house, additional	$200 00
Small wooden building in yard of Hugh O'Brien School-house, additional . .	99 92

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Appropriations.

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following appropriations be made:

William Wirt Warren School-house lot, grading, additional	$165 50
New Primary School-house, Vernon street, Roxbury, additional	19,000 00
New Grammar School-house, Harris District, additional	9,619 73

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Purchase of land for school purposes at West End. [See p. 482.]

Ordered, That there be paid to Ada Cohen the sum of seven thousand dollars ($7,000) as payment for part of her estate numbered 11 Allen street, taken for school purposes, May 22, 1896 (recorded same day), upon said Cohen giving to the city a deed for the same satisfactory to the Law Department.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Purchase of land for school purposes, Elm street, Charlestown.

Ordered, That there be paid to Thomas F. McManus the sum of nine thousand five hundred dollars ($9,500) as payment for premises situated and numbered twenty-

three on Elm street, in that part of Boston formerly Charlestown, purchased for school purposes, upon the said McManus giving to the city of Boston a deed for said estate satisfactory to the Law Department. [See pp. 402, 403, 481, 482.]

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That there be paid to William H. Hayes the sum of twenty-six thousand three hundred and twelve dollars ($26,312) as payment for premises situated and numbered two and three on Howard place, premises situated and numbered seventeen on Elm street, nineteen on Elm street, and twenty-one on Elm street, in that part of Boston formerly Charlestown, purchased for school purposes, upon the said Hayes giving to the city of Boston a deed for said estates satisfactory to the Law Department.

Purchase of land for school purposes, Elm street, Charlestown. [See pp. 402, 403, 481, 482.]

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That from the $100,000 appropriated July 9, 1895, out of the amount granted the School Committee under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, for new Primary School-house, North End, site, the following transfer be made:

Transfer of appropriation.

Elm street, Charlestown, Primary School-house, site $35,812

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Dec. 8 — an order relative to reseating the Chambers-street School-house, and placing Welsbach burners upon the gas-fixtures of said rooms, reported that the matter has been attended to, and they recommend that no further action be taken by the Board.

Report of Committee on School Houses; reseating of school-house, Chambers street. [See p. 476.]

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Thetford-street School-house; acceptance of.

Ordered, That the Thetford-street School-house addition be accepted by this Board, subject to the terms and conditions of the contract.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, it was

Phineas Bates School-house; acceptance of.

Ordered, That the Phineas Bates School-house, on Beech street, Roslindale, be accepted by this Board, subject to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, presented the following report:

Report of Committee on School Houses; completion of new Bowdoin School-house. [See p. 476.]

The Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — Dec. 8 — an order requesting this committee to report why the new Bowdoin School-house is not ready for occupancy by pupils, would respectfully report that the Bowdoin School-house was planned and started under the administration of the last City Architect, Edmund M. Wheelwright, and as the building has never been surrendered to the School Board, your committee have never had any official connection with carrying out the plans and contracts for building the same. By the terms of the abolition of the City Architect's Department all unfinished buildings were to be completed under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings. Last July His Honor, Mayor Quincy, established under the Superintendent of Public Buildings an Architect's Division, to take charge of the work on uncompleted buildings, and placed in charge of that division one Matthew Sullivan, who had been a subordinate of Mr. Wheelwright in the City Architect's Department. Your committee were assured in August by Mr. Jacobs, the contractor on the building, that the same would be completed and ready for use at the opening of the term in September. Your committee believe that Mr. Jacobs would have completed his contract on time at September 1 had he not been stopped in his work; but in August Mr. Sullivan ordered Mr. Jacobs to stop all work under penalty of taking from Mr. Jacobs the completion of the contract at the expense of Mr. Jacobs under the superintendence of Mr. Sullivan.

Mr. Jacobs accordingly abandoned the work until further orders from Mr. Sullivan, who delayed the work for a long time in order to dry out the plastering before the finish was put on, and the heating plant which had been put in under plans of Mr. Wheelwright was in such condition that a long delay ensued before heat was furnished on the new part of the building. Further delay has ensued, causing at times the dismissal of the school, through the inefficiency of the heating and ventilating plant. A gas-engine was at first furnished to

drive the fan. This proved to be inefficient, and was taken out and a steam-engine substituted. The shaft used at first became bent and was entirely insufficient for the purpose, and since that time a larger shaft has been substituted, which, it is hoped, will prove sufficient; but in the judgment of this committee the original plans were faulty in providing so long a shaft, and your committee are in doubt whether in time further change may not be required.

Furthermore, the change to a steam-engine necessitated certain changes in the low-pressure plant so as to adapt it to the use of the steam-engine, which has caused more delay.

Notwithstanding the assurance given your committee in September by Mr. Sullivan that the building would be entirely completed and ready for use by November 1, the school was fully occupied for the first time December 21, and there are several things yet to be done to secure the full efficiency of the school.

Your committee regret that so much delay has been caused in the construction and heating of this building, but desire to place on record the fact that no sub-committee or member of this Board is in any way responsible for the repeated delays in securing for the use of this Board the new Bowdoin School building.

Mr. Dunn stated that one member of the committee dissents from the report.

The report was accepted.

Appropriations from $500,000 expended in 1896.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, reported that out of the $500,000 which the School Committee were authorized to expend in 1896 for new school-houses, etc., under chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following appropriations have been made:

Feb. 25, 1896.	
New Primary School-house, Vernon street, Roxbury	$50,000 00
Cudworth School-house, enlargement of lot	1,500 00
Thetford-street School-house, addition	35,000 00
March 24, 1896.	
Robinson-street School-house, Field's Corner, Dorchester . . .	65,000 00
Carried forward,	$151,500 00

Brought forward,	$151,500 00
April 14, 1896.	
Wooden building in Prescott School-house yard	1,500 00
April 28, 1896.	
New school-house, Forest Hills, site	9,000 00
Genesee-street School-house, furnishing	2,800 00
Wooden building in Hugh O'Brien School-house yard . . .	2,000 00
June 9, 1896.	
Primary School-house, Beech street, Roslindale, heating, ventilation, and sanitation	2,175 00
June 18, 1896.	
Small wooden buildings, additional .	500 00
Hancock School-house, enlargement of lot	3,000 00
Dorchester High School-house, site .	12,000 00
June 30, 1896.	
Two-room wooden building in Lowell School-house yard, building and furnishing	2,300 00
Two-room wooden building in Chapman School-house yard, building and furnishing	2,300 00
Sept. 8, 1896.	
Paul Gore street, West Roxbury, site,	11,810 88
Allston Club-house, furnishing .	1,100 00
Sept. 22, 1896.	
West End School-house, site . . .	75,000 00
Carried forward,	$276,985 88

Brought forward,	$276,985 88
Oct. 27, 1896.	
Paul Revere School-house . .	100,000 00
Munroe-street School-house, wooden building in yard . . .	2,000 00
Gilbert Stuart School-house, furnishing	10,000 00
Roger Clap School-house, furnishing,	5,000 00
Beech-street School-house, furnishing,	1,000 00
Nov. 10, 1896.	
West End Primary School-house, building	60,000 00
New Bowdoin School-house, furnishing and electric fixtures . .	9,000 00
Small wooden buildings, furnishing .	7,000 00
Wooden building in yard of Prescott School-house, additional . .	228 89
Jan. 4, 1897.	
William Wirt Warren School-house lot, grading, additional . .	165 50
New Primary School-house, Vernon street, Roxbury, additional .	19,000 00
New Grammar School-house, Harris District, additional . . .	9,619 73
	$500,000 00

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; petition of Women's Christian Temperance Union; Kindergarten located in Warrenton-street Chapel. [See p. 480.]

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Dec. 8 — a communication from the Women's Christian Temperance Union relative to the Kindergarten located in the Warrenton-street Chapel, reported that inasmuch as the Kindergarten referred to has been replaced in the Warrenton-street Chapel, and any closing of a door in the rear of the school-house was not done or sanctioned by the School Board, this committee recommend that no further action is necessary.

Mr. Fowler in the chair.

The report was accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

On motion of Mr. Blanchard, it was

Protest against license granted to John G. Munroe.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters be directed to enter a protest with the Board of License Commissioners, on behalf of this Board, against the continuance of the license granted to John G. Munroe, maintaining a liquor saloon or bar within the four hundred (400) feet limit of the Warrenton-street Kindergarten School.

The President in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Huggan, for the Committee on Salaries, it was

Payment to J. Herman Trybom for extra services.

Ordered, That J. Herman Trybom, instructor in manual training in the Horace Mann School, be paid at the rate of one hundred and fifty dollars ($150) per annum, from Jan. 1, 1897, to Sept. 1, 1897, for extra services performed in caring for the tools in the Horace Mann School.

On motion of Mr. Huggan, for the same committee, it was

Salary of Jennie R. Ware.

Ordered, That the salary of Jennie R. Ware, assistant principal of the Roxbury High School, be fixed at the rate of sixteen hundred and twenty dollars ($1,620) per year, to date from Jan. 1, 1897.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salaries of instructors in Horace Mann School. [See p. 451.]

Mr. Huggan, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 24 — an order relative to the increase of the salaries paid to the instructors in the Horace Mann School, reported that in the judgment of this committee the salaries of said instructors should be increased, but they deem it inexpedient to take action thereon until the beginning of the next school year. Your committee recommend the matter to the favorable consideration of the Board next year.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Huggan, for the Committee on Salaries, presented the following:

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of first assistants, Grammar Schools, and assistants, Grammar and Primary Schools. [See pp. 455, 456.]

The Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Nov. 24 — an order to the effect that all first assistants in Grammar Schools and all assistants in Grammar and Primary Schools who were receiving the maximum salary of such positions at date of adoption of the new schedule of salaries, June 18, 1896, shall receive the maximum salary of the new schedule; and that all first assistants of Grammar Schools and all assistants in Grammar and Primary Schools not having attained the maximum salary, but on scale of promotion under the old schedule, shall receive credit for every year of service under the old schedule, have carefully considered the matter, and beg leave to submit the following report:

The salaries of instructors having been fixed for the school year 1896–97, the School Board under statute law have no right to increase them during the year.

If it were possible to carry out the provisions of the order, it would result in an increase of salaries of about eight hundred teachers on the maximum of the old schedule Sept. 1, 1896, an average of about $170 per annum, amounting to	$136,000
and in a credit to about three hundred teachers of their years of service under the old schedule, advancing them on an average about $96 per annum, and amounting to	28,800
making a total additional expense of	$164,800

It appears to your committee that it would be unfair to grant to this grade of instructors alone the increase proposed by the order. In their opinion the same advantage should be extended to certain other grades, more particularly the kindergarten, cookery, sewing, and manual training, whose teachers are for the most part women, with salaries lower, as a rule, than those preferred by the order for an increase.

If this plan covering all grades were carried out under the provisions of the new salary schedule, it would add nearly $300,000 to school expenses for the first year alone of its operation; and grave doubts are entertained if a bill of this nature could be passed.

The new salary schedule was prepared and adopted with the view of granting the most ample justice to all the teachers, but more especially to those receiving the smaller salaries who will derive a larger proportional benefit; but with the necessity of establishing the plan on a firm basis, it was arranged that a gradual increase should be made from the maximum of the old schedule, and covering some four years. That would prevent a large amount of money being requested for the first year, which might have endangered the success of the whole scheme.

The additional expense to be incurred was estimated on a very conservative basis, as follows:

Sept. 1, 1896, to Jan. 1, 1897, four months . . .	$25,000
Jan. 1, 1897, to Jan. 1, 1898, one year . . .	85,000
Jan. 1, 1898, to Jan. 1, 1899, one year . . .	130,000
Jan. 1, 1899, to Jan. 1, 1900, one year . . .	160,000
Jan. 1, 1900, to Jan. 1, 1901, one year . . .	180,000
Jan. 1, 1901, to Sept. 1, 1901, eight months . . .	120,000
Total for five years	$700,000

When the new schedule of salaries was under consideration, it was decided that the recommendation of an additional compensation of $700,000 in five years to the instructors was a measure as extreme as could be presented with any prospect of success.

It was not the intention of the Committee on Salaries to increase immediately the salaries of such teachers as had not reached the maximum of the old schedule, but rather to postpone their increase until it would come naturally by years of service. An exception was made wherein the minimum salary of the grade was increased, as in the case of assistants in Grammar and Primary Schools, the rate being changed from $38 to $46 per month. Those teachers who were receiving a salary of $38 or $42 per month were placed upon $46 per month, dating from Sept. 1, 1896. All others of the same grade will continue to advance until the maximum of $78 per month is reached instead of $62, as under the old schedule.

Another exception was in cases where the rate of advancement from year to year was changed, as for assistants in High Schools where the yearly increase was made $72 instead of $48. Such a change would necessarily result in many instances in an increase of salary within a year.

In advancing the salaries of teachers upon the anniversary of their appointment from their present salary to that next higher in the

new schedule, it has happened in certain cases that the increased salary under the new schedule is slightly less than it would have been under the old schedule; but it was thought that the later increase would more than compensate for the difference.

As this difference was corrected previous to the beginning of the school year in the case of junior-masters by special legislation, your committee are of the opinion that it would be advisable to recommend that provision be made in the schedule of salaries for next year, to make good in other cases any loss incurred by the operation of the new schedule of salaries for one year prior to the anniversary of their appointment after Sept. 1, 1897, the difference to be included in the payment for the month beginning on or after Sept. 1, 1897, in which their anniversary may occur.

The number of teachers thus affected will be as follows:

In High Schools, fourteen teachers, total loss, all in one year, $324. In Grammar and Primary Schools, first year, six teachers, loss, $84; second year, one teacher, loss, $12; total loss, $96. In Kindergartens, first year, thirty-six teachers, loss, $648; second year, eighteen teachers, loss, $216; total loss, $864. The entire loss in all grades amounts to $1,284.

This committee does not claim that the new schedule of salaries is perfect in all its details. They endeavored chiefly to arrange a plan that would benefit the teachers more especially in years to come, and that would insure to the women teachers a larger share of the increase.

A great number of teachers who were receiving $62 per month will at the end of three years be receiving $78 per month, an increase of over twenty-five per cent., while in Grammar Schools the maximum salary of a master was only increased about ten per cent., and that of a sub-master less than three per cent. Those who, Sept. 1, 1896, were on the maximum of the old schedule will, with few exceptions, be receiving in three years from that date the maximum salary of the new schedule, when it will be found that the salaries of the positions held by women have been increased about three times as much pro rata as those held by men.

With these explanations regarding certain points in the new schedule of salaries, your committee would recommend the passage of the following orders:

Ordered, That the order on page 455 of the Minutes of the School Committee for Nov. 24, 1896, proposing an increase in salaries for first assistants in Grammar Schools and assistants in Grammar and Primary Schools, be referred to the Committee on Salaries of the next School Board.

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries of the next School Board in making up the schedule of salaries for the school year 1897–98 include in their report the following order : *Ordered*, That all instructors in the service of the city, who, during the year preceding their anniversary on or after Sept. 1, 1897, received under the new schedule of salaries an amount less than they would have received under the old schedule, be paid for the month in which their anniversary occurs in addition to their salary for said month, a sum that will make good the loss incurred for one year from the anniversary of their appointment on or after Sept. 1, 1896.

Accepted, and the orders passed.

Mr. Huggan, for the same committee, offered the following :

Edition of report of Committee on Salaries.

Ordered, That six hundred additional copies of the report of the Committee on Salaries, School Document No. 6, 1896, be printed.

On motion of Mr. Wise, the order was amended by adding the following words : "and that the special report of the Committee on Salaries presented to-night be printed as an appendix thereto."

The order as amended passed.

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Accounts, offered the following :

Abatement of tuition of Alexander and Mabel Dillingham.

Ordered, That the amount paid by Eben Alexander, 3 Wabon street, Roxbury, for tuition from Nov. 6, 1896, to Feb. 1, 1897, of Alexander Dillingham, a non-resident pupil in the Roxbury High School, viz., twenty-three and $\frac{37}{100}$ dollars ($23.37), be abated, said pupil having left the school Nov. 6, 1896.

Ordered, That the amount paid by Eben Alexander, 3 Wabon street, Roxbury, for tuition from Nov. 13, 1896, to Feb. 1, 1897, of Mabel Dillingham, a non-resident pupil in the Roxbury High School, viz., twenty-one and $\frac{46}{100}$ dollars ($21.46), be abated, said pupil having left the school Nov. 13, 1896.

The orders passed.

Mr. Fowler, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, who were requested — Dec. 8 — to make such changes in the Regulations as will provide admission to the Boston Normal School of pupils who, without taking the whole course in that school, may be permitted to prepare themselves for teaching by the methods of the kindergarten in less than two years' time required for the whole course, reported that the following order ought to pass:

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; admission of pupils to Normal School who shall be permitted to take less than two years' course. [See pp. 177, 242, 243, 474, 475.]

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

SECTION 296. Insert the following after the word "examination," in the tenth line: "Those who shall have received from a university or college, from a State Normal School, or from such other institutions as give pedagogical instruction, approved by the Board of Supervisors conjointly with the head-master, a degree or certificate of graduation, may be admitted to the first class if they prove qualified, and may take the kindergarten course or any of the other optional courses in one year."

Accepted, the rules were suspended, the order read twice and passed.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Fowler, the following order was taken from the table:

Ordered, That the rules be amended as follows:

Strike out section 119, and substitute in place thereof the following:

Amendment of rules; salaries of instructors in High Schools. [See pp. 452, 453.]

SECTION 119. The salaries of the instructors of the several ranks of the Latin and High Schools, except those of head-master, master, junior-master, and assistant principal, shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding nine years, so that the maximum rate

shall be reached for the tenth and each subsequent year of service. The salaries of junior-masters shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding eleven years, so that the maximum rate, with the rank of master, shall be reached for the twelfth and each subsequent year of service.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Fowler, the following order was taken from the table:

Naming of classes in Grammar and Primary Schools. [See pp. 459, 478.]

Ordered, That on and after Sept. 1, 1897, the entering class in the Primary School shall be designated as the first class, and so on consecutively up to and including the graduating class in the Grammar School, which shall be designated as the ninth class.

Passed.

Report of Committee on Evening Schools; petition of M. L. Healy *et als.*; establishment of an Evening School in Dorchester. [See p. 479.]

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on Evening Schools, to whom was referred — Dec. 8 — a petition signed by M. L. Healy and ninety-seven others asking for the establishment of an Evening School in the Dorchester District, reported that in the judgment of your committee the request of the petitioners should be granted. They have therefore made arrangements for the opening of an Evening Elementary School in Lyceum Hall, Dorchester, on Jan. 4, 1897, and recommend that no further action by the Board is necessary.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Appointment and salary of Henry H. Folsom, assistant, in charge of East Boston Branch Evening High School.

Ordered, That Henry H. Folsom be appointed assistant in charge of the East Boston Branch of the Evening High School, who shall also serve as principal of the Lyman Evening School, to date from Jan. 4, 1897,

and that he be paid the sum of five dollars ($5) per evening of actual service.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Gallivan, for the Special Committee on Boundary Lines, presented the following report:

Report of Special Committee on Boundary Lines. [See p. 435.]

The special committee appointed — Nov. 10 — to consider and report on the expediency of relocating the boundary lines of school districts, report that they have given the matter their careful consideration. They had hoped before commencing their labors that by a judicious relocation of various boundary lines school accommodations could be provided for all children who cannot now be received in certain schools on account of lack of room. After a careful study of the question, however, they became convinced that even though they did succeed in equalizing the attendance to a certain extent, the relief would not be permanent, and that with the rapidly increasing population in certain sections of the city, it would be impossible to foresee the conditions that will exist in this respect even within the near future. A change in the lines of one district necessarily involves corrections in the lines of those adjacent, and a general relocation of the lines of all school districts is a task of considerable magnitude, and one impossible to successfully complete within the term of the present Board. Your committee feel that on the completion of the school-houses now in process of erection, and those soon to be undertaken, that the present crowded condition of many of the schools will be materially changed for the better, and that a general reconstruction of districts had better be deferred for the present at least.

Your committee feel justified, however, in recommending a change in the lines of the Roger Clap and John A. Andrew Districts, which they feel assured will result in equalizing satisfactorily the attendance in those districts, and have prepared an order to that effect.

They also believe that a new Grammar School-house should be built in the near future in the Savin Hill District.

They have discovered certain omissions and inaccuracies in the present district lines, and call attention to the various orders appended to this report designed to remedy the defects which exist. Some of the more serious errors are as follows:

Before the old Bowditch School was abandoned, girls residing in the Fourth Division attended either the Winthrop, Prince, or Bowditch Schools. When the Bowditch School was given up no change was made in the district lines, thus leaving the girls in that district unpro-

vided for. In the Sixth Division an obvious error appears whereby certain territory is included in both the Thomas N. Hart and Lincoln Districts.

The laying out of new streets and the renaming of old, the removal of certain landmarks, etc., render it advisable, in the opinion of your committee, to make slight changes in many of the districts, and they recommend the passage of an order to that effect.

1. *Ordered*, That the boundary lines of the Winthrop District be changed as follows: Strike out the word "Devonshire," in the second line, to and including the word "extended," in the fourth line; strike out the words "on the east," in the fourth line.

2. *Ordered*, That the boundary lines of the John A. Andrew District be changed as follows:

John A. Andrew District, for Boys. — Insert after the words "following this line to," in the second line, the following: "Dorchester avenue; thence by the centre of Dorchester avenue to Bellflower street; thence by the rear of the southerly side of Bellflower street to Boston street; thence by the rear of the westerly side of Boston street to the former boundary line between South Boston and Dorchester and following this line to."

John A. Andrew District, for Girls. — Insert after the words "following this line to," in the second line, the following: "Dorchester avenue; thence by the centre of Dorchester avenue to Bellflower street; thence by the rear of the southerly side of Bellflower street to Boston street; thence by the rear of the westerly side of Boston street to the former boundary line between South Boston and Dorchester, and following this line to."

3. *Ordered*, That the boundary lines of the Thomas N. Hart District be changed as follows:

Strike out all to and including the word "Dorchester," in the second line, and insert in place thereof the following: "Beginning at the junction of Emerson and Dorchester streets; thence by the centres of."

4. *Ordered*, That the boundary lines of the Roger Clap District be changed as follows:

Insert after the words "boundary line to," in the tenth line, the following: "Dorchester avenue; thence by the centres of Dorchester avenue to Bellflower street; thence by the rear of the southerly side of Bellflower street to Boston street; thence by the rear of the westerly side of Boston street to the former boundary line between South Boston and Dorchester; thence by said boundary line to."

5. *Ordered*, That the boundary lines of certain districts be changed so as to conform to such alterations as have been made in the names and locations of streets, bridges, landmarks, etc., since the establishment of said boundary line.

Accepted, and the orders passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Special Committee on Normal School relative to petitioning Commonwealth to assume charge of Boston Normal School. [See pp. 354, 355.]

Mr. Gallivan, for the special committee appointed — Sept. 22 — to consider and report upon the expediency of petitioning the Commonwealth to assume charge of the Boston Normal School, presented the following report:

Realizing the importance of the matter assigned for their consideration, your committtee have given it earnest and careful attention, and have sought counsel from those prominent in educational matters in the service of the city and of the State, and have endeavored before reaching any conclusion to attach due weight to all the testimony submitted to them. From time to time the question of the State assuming control of the Boston Normal School has been agitated, and able and lucid arguments have been advanced in favor of and against the proposition. Your committee do not feel that they would be justified in answering finally and conclusively, after a few short weeks of consideration, a question that has been discussed to a greater or less extent for twenty years and is now the subject of renewed interest.

The Boston Normal School is now, and has been since its inception, a strictly professional school as distinguished from those institutions which provide an academic course to which the State schools devote a large part of their efforts. It was founded to provide professional instruction for young women who are to become teachers in the Boston public schools, and its policy is especially adapted to meet this purpose. Your committee recognize the fact that the Boston Normal School has been hampered in its development by the lack of sufficient funds, and there is no question in their minds that if a liberal amount were granted for the maintenance and proper equipment of the school, its sphere of usefulness would be greatly increased, and the value of its services in the education of our teachers be even more generally recognized. The argument is advanced that the school would profit in a pecuniary way by being turned over to the State, but no assurance is given that the State would be more generous than the city, nor is it shown that the State is anxious to accept the burden, and willing to provide in an adequate manner for its needs.

It is also stated that, conducted as the school now is, under the same control that directs the conduct of the public schools of Boston, its policy can be defined and its methods ordered by the same authority that has given the schools of this city the rank they enjoy, and that knowing our own needs we can supply them more readily and better, with the power to do so in our own hands, than if we were dependent upon the will of others less familiar with our system, and that the school should continue to remain as a part of one organic whole.

If, on the other hand, the course of instruction provided in the State schools should become purely professional as distinguished from academic; if it should be clearly shown that the State would gladly provide for the maintenance of a Normal School in Boston, adequately house and liberally equip it for its work, then it might seem wise to petition the Commonwealth to assume its control, with due regard to the interests of the school, and expense to the city.

One thing, however, your committee desire to call attention to. There does not seem to be a general public sentiment in favor of surrendering the control of the school to the State. That feeling may be latent; it may spring up within the near future; certain contingencies may arise, which, if they existed now, would render another course desirable; but at this time your committee believe it inexpedient to petition the Commonwealth to assume charge of the Boston Normal School.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Normal School relative to the State assuming charge of Normal School.

Mr. Adams, for the Committee on the Normal School, with the Superintendent and Supervisors, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order relative to the Boston Normal School, viz., "*Ordered*, That the Committee on Normal School, with the Superintendent and Supervisors, consider and report to the School Board which of the following propositions they approve, and give their views upon the subject: 1st. To erect a Normal School building on the Rice Training School grounds or elsewhere in the city. To petition the Legislature to indemnify the city of Boston for the cost of maintaining a Normal School under the control of the city. 2d. To petition the Legislature to erect and

maintain a Normal School building within our city limits," reported that they have given considerable time to the discussion of the question whether the interests of the city would be promoted by transferring the conduct of the Normal School to the State, but find themselves unable to present the results of their deliberations by reason of the narrow scope of the order under which they have been acting.

Wherefore they ask for an enlargement of their powers so that they may consider the whole question, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on the Normal School, with the Superintendent and the Supervisors, consider and report in print upon the advisability of petitioning the Legislature for a law whereby the maintenance and control of the Boston Normal School shall be assumed by the State.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Wise moved to amend the order by striking out the words "The Committee on the Normal School with."

On motion of Mr. Fowler, the whole matter was indefinitely postponed, by a vote of 11 to 6.

Special assignment; enlargement of Robinson-street School-house lot. [See p. 430.]

On motion of Mr. Eaton, the special assignment, being the order requesting the Board of Street Commissioners to take, by purchase or otherwise, a parcel of land for the enlargement of the Robinson-street School-house lot, was taken up.

Yeas and nays.

On motion of Mr. Blanchard, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the order.

The order passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Allen, Bassett, Calderwood, Dunn, Fowler, Gallivan, Hubbard, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Paul and Strange — 11.

Nays: Mrs. Ames, Messrs. Blanchard, Davison,

Eaton, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Liebmann, Lowell, and Wise — 8.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Adams, Anderson, McDonald, and Wetmore.

Mr. Liebmann offered the following:

"Natural Course of Music" authorized as text-book.

Ordered, That the books and charts of the "Natural Course of Music" be placed upon the authorized list of text-books.

Referred to the Committee on Text-Books.

Petition from Orient Heights Association relative to facilities for children attending Blackinton School.

The Chair read a petition from the Orient Heights Association asking that increased facilities be provided for the children attending the Blackinton School by the erection of an addition to the present building, and requesting a hearing on the matter.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Communication relative to new building for Girls' Latin School.

The Chair read a communication signed by H. T. Rockwell, Chairman, and Lindsay Swift, Secretary, urging the importance of providing a new building for the Girls' Latin School.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Allen offered the following:

Petition to General Court relative to money available for year 1897.

Ordered, That the President of the School Committee be requested to petition, in behalf of this Board, the General Court at its next session, that section 4 of chapter 408 of the Acts of the year 1895 be amended so that instead of $400,000 being available for the year 1897, that there be in lieu of that $800,000, this additional $400,000 to be expended for the following purposes:

East Boston High School, building and site	$125,000
South Boston High School, building and site	175,000
Dorchester High School, building . .	100,000

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School, it was

Ordered, That the income of the Samuel E. Sawyer bequest for the benefit of the Horace Mann School be expended in providing instruction in drawing for the pupils of said school, under the direction and with the approval of the Committee on the Horace Mann School.

Expenditure of income of Samuel E. Sawyer bequest.

Mrs. Keller, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That Helen A. Fernald be appointed a special assistant in the Horace Mann School, at a salary of one and $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars ($1.50) per day, to date from Jan. 4, 1897.

Appointment of Helen A. Fernald, special assistant, Horace Mann School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mrs. Keller offered the following:

Whereas, The resignation of Mr. Artemas Wiswall as master of the Charles Sumner School has been accepted by this Board, to take effect Feb. 1, 1897, be it therefore

Resolutions on resignation of Artemas Wiswall.

Resolved, That in accepting the resignation of Mr. Artemas Wiswall, principal of the schools in the Charles Sumner District for twenty-seven years, the School Committee recognize the value of his long and arduous service, of his unselfish devotion to the highest interests of his pupils, of his kindness and self-sacrifice, and of the reforms which he initiated and accomplished in the habits and moral standing of his pupils.

Resolved, That in parting with him, the School Committee are grateful for the good he has done in the Charles Sumner District, and wish him that serenity and happiness which he has earned by his many years of faithful service.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon our

records in full, and that a copy thereof be sent to Mr. Wiswall.

Adopted by a unanimous vote.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, it was

Unfinished business referred.

Ordered, That all unfinished business at the close of this meeting be referred to the next School Board.

Mr. Bassett in the chair.

Mr. Fowler offered the following:

Vote of thanks to President of the Board.

Ordered, That the thanks of the Board be presented to Mr. Isaac F. Paul, the President of the Board, for the able, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Board.

Adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

The President in the chair.

The President responded briefly and courteously.

On motion of Mr. Fowler, the Board adjourned *sine die*.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

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